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Park Management Promises Answers...

## Traffic Jam Again Snarls Main St. For Concert At Riverside Park

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Their worst nightmares came true for Riverside Park officials when last Sunday's Latin American Festival drew more than three times as many visitors as anticipated, causing a three-hour traffic jam on Main Street and leaving Main Street residents angry and frustrated at a repeat of last year's two traffic fiascos.

After a meeting with park officials, Council President Donald M. Rheault said he is convinced the park's management is genuinely concerned and going to great expense to rectify the problem as expeditiously as possible.

"They have cancelled their June festival date and will hold off on all future special events until

the traffic plan has been put in place (at a cost of \$3 million) and it has been tested," Rheault said.

Riverside General Manager Bill Muirhead said the company has been working with town, state, and local officials since last June on a three-stage plan to improve traffic flow in and around the park as well as along Main Street.

At presstime, park officials are expected to appear before the Conservation Commission for the third time in an attempt to gain approval for their plan to create a 10-acre paved parking lot across from the park.

The first phase of Riverside's plan to prevent traffic from backing up on Main Street includes a new 10-acre paved parking lot across the street and an additional paved parking lot adjacent to the park. The second phase of the plan requires state approval for using traffic cones to create an additional "park only" turning lane on Main Street, allowing through traffic to flow more easily.

Finally, Riverside is awaiting permits to build a large pedestrian and tram bridge over Main Street to allow traffic to flow continuously without having to stop for guests and employees crossing the street.

**Working With Beautification Committee...**

Riverside Marketing Director Ron Severt said the company is working with the Agawam

Beautification Committee as part of the gateway project to make sure the bridge is a grand entrance into Agawam.

Main Street resident Sherry Reidy told Town Councilors Monday night she is not buying any excuses since the park assured its neighbors the parking problems would be rectified last summer.

"Riverside Park had a year to submit their plans (for adding parking) to the Conservation Commission and to have their permits in place," Mrs. Reidy said.

Severt said the park would never have held the Latin American Festival if they had known last year's attendance of 6,000 would grow to 17,000 this year.

"To say we made a huge mistake just doesn't communicate how we feel. We owe an apology to each and every person on Main Street, especially after we told them 'never again' after the two days we had traffic problems last year," Severt said.

At a cost of about \$1 million, Riverside has canceled all special events for the summer. "There is zero chance that we'll be having the Riverside Sports and Music Festival (June 26th), the Beach Party (August 7th), or the Country Music Festival (August 29th and 30th)," said

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## Neighbors Rally Against Power Plant's Evacuation Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Neighbors of the power plant under construction on Moylan Lane attended Monday night's Town Council meeting to voice their dissatisfaction with the evacuation plan submitted by Berkshire Power and to complain that they had been denied access to the plan in advance of the meeting.

Last week, Berkshire Power announced a copy of their community action plan would be available for the public's inspection at the Agawam Library. But, plant opponents and Town Council President Donald Rheault said they had been told as late as Monday afternoon that no copy of the evacuation plan had been received by the library staff.

Berkshire Power Plan Manager Frank Basile said, and a library spokesperson confirmed, that the plan had in fact been delivered to the library last week as promised. The problem was one of communication. People interested in looking at the plan had asked for the power plant evacuation plan, but the document was titled "community action plan," causing library staffers to report no evacuation plan was on hand.

Regardless of what the plan was titled, neighbors of the \$185 million gas-fired power plant criticized the plan on its methodology as well as on its contents.

Neighbors of the plant called the evacuation plan a "hastily conceived sham" filled with inaccuracies regarding the number of residents living within the evacuation zone and based on outdated maps. Most of the people who spoke in opposition to the evacuation plan slammed the plan for failing to provide an alternative escape route for people living on Losito Lane.

Under the scenarios set forth in the plan, residents of Losito Lane would be directed to drive north on Losito Lane, toward the power plant, and turn left on Shoemaker Lane to exit the area in the event of an evacuation.

Several Losito Lane residents said traveling toward the source of the emergency was not acceptable to them and they called on Berkshire Power to meet with them to develop alternate strategies for bringing their families safely out of the evacuation zone.

In the wake of the concerns raised by town residents and Town Councilors on Monday night, Basile said the company is reviewing the comments of the public to incorporate their neighbors' concerns in a revised community action plan in cooperation with Fire Chief David Pisano and Earth Tech consultants who authored

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### Starting With A Bang!



TO KICK-OFF THE Mawaga Sportsmen's Club's fishing derby on Sunday, April 19th, Jim Stefanik utilized the "noisy" services of a Civil War cannon. (See additional photos in "Sports.") Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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the plan. Basile said Berkshire Power had always intended to update their evacuation plan.

**Plan Receives MEMA Approval**

Pisano said he had asked Berkshire Power to revise their original evacuation plan to encompass a half-mile radius around the plant. After discussing the plan with his staff, Pisano asked the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to review the plan and received their approval to include the plan in the town's emergency response plan.

"The decision to approve the plan was not based only on my opinion," Pisano said. "It was a decision made in cooperation with state agencies. We're here to alleviate the neighbors' concerns. We want them to be comfortable in their homes."

Losito Lane resident Michael DelNegro said, "We wanted a workable evacuation plan considerate of our need to evacuate with alternatives to driving toward the core of a disaster. What we got was an unworkable plan."

Acknowledging that the method for arriving at the number of permanent residents living within a half-mile radius of the plant had been based on a formula estimating four persons living in each residence rather than on an actual count of the residents, Basile said the company would revise the plan to reflect an exact count. But, Basile said the revised numbers were not expected to have a major effect on either the evacuation times estimated in the plan or the evacuation routes outlined in the plan.

Although there are no specific plans at presstime, Basile agreed with the suggestion that it would be useful for Berkshire Power to meet with area residents and businesses to discuss the issues raised at the public hearing.

"I would welcome that," Basile said. "That would be one way to address all the legitimate concerns of our neighbors."

Asked about the possibility of an alternative escape route for Losito Lane, Basile said the industry standard calls for evacuating a dead-end street by using the normal route of the roadway. However, if an alternative route for Losito Lane was recommended by the fire chief, the company would consider it, Basile said.

At the conclusion of the council's public hearing, Councilor Edward Caba made a motion calling on the council to reject the evacuation plan submitted and put on hold all future storage licenses and building permits for the power plant until the residents' concerns were addressed.

Rheault ruled the motion out of order, noting, "I don't believe that is in the council's purview."

## State Senate Passes Legislation Dealing With Unpaid Leave

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) has announced final Senate passage of legislation to allow employees to take 24 hours of unpaid leave from their jobs to accomplish certain family obligations.

"Working men and women deserve a few hours a year to take a child to the doctor, or watch a school play," Melconian said. "We should give them the time to deal with unknown crises and family obligations."

The legislation, sponsored by Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham, mirrors federal legislation implemented in 1993 allowing employees to take up to three months in unpaid family and medical leave. In addition to the federal allotment, Massachusetts would allow working men and women 24 hours a year of "flex" time to deal with family matters such as caring for an elderly parent or participating in parent-teacher conferences.

If possible, the employee must give his or her employer seven days notice prior to the leave. Like the federal law, this leave would not apply to small businesses with less than 50 employees.

## Bonavita Announces Meeting For Joe Malone's Campaign

Local Agawam Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita, who has been named Agawam Coordinator for Joe Malone's campaign for governor, announced an organizational meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 17th at Bonavita's law office, 2 South Bridge Drive, Agawam (off Rt. 57 rotary).

Bonavita said, "Joe Malone's campaign is gearing up for the Republican primary for governor. Now that the convention is over, it's up to the voters to make their choice. As State Treasurer for two terms, Joe has proven he has the qualities to be a great governor. Put simply, he has done a fantastic job."

He further stated, "In Agawam, we are now putting together an organization. This first meeting will be to formulate our plans. Joe is a people person and we hope to put together a diverse group of people to help him."

"Anyone who cannot attend but wants to help can call me at 786-2079."

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Sevart, "and we've canceled our Christian Family Day in September."

Besides canceling their major special events, Sevart said the park has canceled or postponed smaller events that would not have been a problem because of the lingering questions over the parking situation.

Mrs. Reidy had asked the council to refuse to renew the video game licenses on their agenda Monday night until the parking situation is solved. But, only Councilor Gary Geiger voted against renewing the licenses.

Rheault believes the council may have acted differently if the licenses had any effect on the amount of traffic heading to the park.

"As much as we all sympathize with the people who were impacted by the traffic, I don't think it is the council's place to hold a business hostage," Rheault said. "We're here to work things out with the businesses, not to threaten them, and those amusement licenses are not going to have any impact on the traffic."

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### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

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By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
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## Letters To The Editor

### AHS Girls' Lacrosse Booster Club Thanks Local Businesses

#### To The Editor:

The Agawam Girls' Lacrosse Booster Club, which supports the Agawam High School girls' lacrosse team, would like to thank the following businesses for allowing members of the varsity and junior varsity teams to conduct a can drive outside their place of business on April 25th:

Dunkin' Donuts (Feeding Hills & Agawam locations); Foodmart Supermarket; Geissler's Supermarket; Partner's Restaurant; Stop & Shop Supermarket; Westbank; Westfield Savings Bank.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Gregory  
Agawam

### Missing Dog Has Been Returned To Agawam Family

#### To The Editor:

After nearly a week of searching, worrying, and praying that our little dog, Sasha, would come home to us, we are happy to share with all the caring people of this town that our little dog was returned to us.

We are so thankful that she is home again.

Thank you again, Agawam, for all your support.

Cheryl Iacolino  
Agawam

### Residents Should Take Part In "Citizen Police Academy"

#### To The Editor:

I am writing in regards to the Agawam Police Department. I am a participant in the "Citizen Police Academy."

This is a 10-week program that covers such topics as Patrol Procedures, Officer Safety, DARE & Juvenile Issues, Gang & Narcotics Enforcement, and Crime Prevention, to name a few things.

## Melconian Wants Massachusetts To Change The Way It Taxes Roth IRA's

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), a strong supporter of the federally created Roth IRA, is pushing for Massachusetts to change the way it taxes these investments in order to make them more attractive to lower and middle income citizens.

"Thousands of Hampden County residents have begun to save for their retirement, and the Roth IRA could be an exciting option," Melconian said. "However, most have been reluctant to invest in them because of the state tax problems they create."

In 1995, Congress created the Roth IRA to provide another alternative for Americans to save for their retirement. Unlike traditional IRAs, contributions are made with after-tax income, and the earnings are tax-exempt when an individual chooses to liquidate them. This will reward solid, smart investing, since traditional IRAs tax income when it is liquidated. Roth IRAs also may be used after five years for education, first-time homebuyers, and retirement. Under traditional IRAs, this is not allowed.

The problem in Massachusetts is that the Department of Revenue taxes the income accrued from a Roth IRA on an annual basis, much like a savings account. This income is taxed as unearned income at 12 percent. Although the federal tax benefit is still realized and the investment is not taxed again when used, a 12 percent yearly state tax on income makes these unwise investments

It is amazing what I have learned in these classes. Sgt. Steve Draghetti has been an incredible teacher. We have met numerous people in the department who have devoted time to share and explain many issues.

As I mentioned, Sgt. Steve Draghetti, Sgt. Richie Light, Det. Wayne Macey, Lt. Gary Nardi, the detectives from the Gang & Narcotic Enforcement Department, the dispatchers, and, of course, Chief Campbell; I am proud to say we have a great Police Department.

Everyone in this department works very hard, much harder than one would think. Not only do they put their lives on the line, day in and day out, they go above and beyond the call of duty many times for our community.

I would encourage everyone to take future classes and learn about our Police Department and community issues. You will be amazed at what you will learn. I can't say enough about the men and women working in our Police Department.

I would like to thank Sgt. Steve Draghetti for all he has done and everyone at the Police Department for working so hard for us! You are incredible individuals!

Sincerely,  
Julie Schuder  
Agawam

### Epilepsy Awareness Comm. Says Thank You For Support

#### To The Editor:

On behalf of the 20,000 Massachusetts children and adults who live day-to-day with epilepsy, we'd like to extend our warmest "thank you" for your support of the Western Massachusetts Epilepsy Awareness Committee and our fourth Annual Dinner Dance for Epilepsy Awareness.

With your support, 1998 has been our most successful year!!

We will donate the proceeds of our fundraising efforts to Boston Children's Hospital-Comprehensive Epilepsy Unit, the Pediatric Neurology Unit at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, and the Epilepsy Association of Massachusetts/Rhode Island.

These facilities have special epilepsy programs that treat not only people with epilepsy, but also their families. Additionally, a portion of the money is used to fund research into the causes of epilepsy with the hopes of someday discovering a cure.

Again, thank you for your continuing support.

With sincere appreciation,  
Western Massachusetts  
Epilepsy Awareness Committee

## Veterans' Corner... Thanks For All Of Your Support!

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent

Thanks to all for your letters of support! The House of Representatives budget, which contains three items of interest to veterans sponsored by the Mass. Veterans' Agents Association and the Mass. United Veterans' Association, has come out favorably for two of our issues and we're working on the third.

The first is the increase in the amount of money that can be paid to bury poor veterans from \$1,100 of a total funeral of \$1,500 (set over a decade ago) to \$2,000, plus \$500 for liner for children under five years of age and \$900 for ages eight and older, for a total of \$2,900.

Considering that funeral directors are operating at a loss unless the benefit exceeds \$2,000, a sincere thank you to those funeral directors who have helped us in the past. With the additional support of our senators for these items in their budget, agents will be able to pay the higher amount in the future.

The House also included the 75 percent reimbursement for the purchase of flags to cities and towns. This mandate is not funded by the state, and we had requested that the legislature provide the funding of the 75 percent reimbursement.

This issue will also be reflected in the Senate version of the budget, and we will have the support of both Senator Melconian and Rep. Dan Keenan. I believe it will happen.

One other thing — Mrs. Evelyn Casavant, a dear lady that we've had the pleasure of knowing through our office for many years, has passed away at the age of 99 years. She was such a pleasure to know with her positive attitudes and patience. WE will miss her very much.

I will be on vacation next week, but upon my return we will continue publishing our Honor Roll lists. Please call our office (786-0400, ext. 236 or 237) with any question you may have regarding benefits, the Veterans' Cemetery, or the Honor Roll.

## Fire Wise...

by Fire Chief David Pisano

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Help show us the way.

For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

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## Pre-School Program Has Outgrown Its Home...

# Early Childhood Center Expansion Is On The Horizon

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

As five school additions and renovation projects near completion, the School Department is faced with adding onto a sixth school building.

Built four years ago (when overcrowding at Clark School nearly touched off a war on Special Education), the Early Childhood Center (ECC) has been home to the Pre-School Program integrating special needs youngsters with regular education peer partners.

Currently, the center serves 75 children in morning and afternoon sessions. But, the Pre-School Program has outgrown its home and the School Department will likely be adding two classrooms onto the center within the next 18 months.

Last week, the School Committee was told that an increasing number of disabled students, coupled with the severity of their needs, has resulted in overcrowding at the pre-school.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said funding to build two new classrooms at the ECC might be included in next year's town budget. Johnson said adding to the center to avoid having to send special needs children to out-of-district placements makes sense for the town both educationally and financially.

Special Education Director Dr. John Brosnan and Special Education Programmer Teresa Urbinati agreed that offering services to special needs children at home is preferred by both parents and the Special Education Department.

Mrs. Urbinati said special needs children are identified early in life and educating the children becomes the town's responsibility from age two years and nine months to age 22. Brosnan added it is not unusual for private school tuition to cost between \$30,000 and \$40,000 per year.

"Many children are being saved (by advances in medicine) who weren't in the past," Mrs. Urbinati said. "Their needs are great and the equipment they need takes up a lot of space. Right now, there are only two classrooms large enough to accommodate some of this equipment."

Presently, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech/language therapy share one room, but that is not an appropriate way to deliver those services, Mrs. Urbinati said.

When the ECC was built in 1993, it was intended to have four large classrooms. Later, the plans were changed to create three small classrooms and two larger classrooms in order to accommodate the needs of the youngsters.

Johnson said the building had been designed so that it could be easily expanded in the future. After discussions with Superintendent Frank Ameruso and the Special Education Department, Johnson said it was decided to inform the School Committee that more space would be needed at the ECC by September 1999.

Next year, Johnson said there would be room at James Clark School to accommodate an ECC class. However, increasing enrollment at Clark School would force the ECC class to relocate.

By moving one class to temporary quarters at Clark, the ECC can dedicate one room to a program for hearing-impaired students. Mrs. Urbinati said the School Department is already aware of more hearing-impaired toddlers who will be enrolling at the ECC in the next two years.

### Johnson Praises Special Education Department...

Johnson praised the efforts of the Special Education Department in creating programs to allow special needs students to attend school in town. Not only is it more cost-effective, but the parents and students both want the children to attend school in town with their brothers, sisters, and friends, Johnson said.

"If we turn these children to outside placements in pre-school, it's likely they will remain in outside placements the entire 19 years we provide services," Johnson said.

Johnson estimated it would cost \$150,000 to add two classrooms, bathrooms, and some storage to the existing 5,000 square-foot building. Adding rooms at both ends of the school building would give the center an additional 3,000 square feet of space.

School Committee member Susan Pettazoni suggested forming an ad hoc committee to study the space needs of the ECC, design a future plan for growth, and report back to the whole committee.

"Let's do this right the first time, taking into account the medical needs of the children," Mrs. Pettazoni said.

Committee member Teresa Kozloski agreed that a more forward-looking approach was needed. "We should be thinking in terms of five to 10 years," Mrs. Kozloski said. "Adding two rooms is like putting a Band Aid on this."

After some discussion, the committee came to a consensus asking the Special Education administrators to keep them informed of any aspects of the ECC situation.

Adding onto the ECC will result in using more land at Perry Lane Park for a non-recreational purpose, meaning the town must add even more land to the park in order to regain eligibility for the state's Urban Self-Help Grant Program.

### Town Had Lost Eligibility For Grant Money...

Johnson explained the town had lost eligibility for the grant money because building the ECC on park land was considered a conversion of recreational space by the state. To regain access to the Urban Self-Help Program, the town must either tear down the school or replace the amount of land the school sits on by adding to the park.

Built as a temporary home for the town's integrated pre-school program to alleviate crowding at Clark School, the building was intended to be returned to the park for use as a recreational facility when the additions being planned at the four elementary schools were to have provided space for the pre-school program, Johnson said.

However, during the process of planning the additions, the School Department decided to make the ECC the permanent home for the pre-schoolers because building site restrictions at Granger and Phelps would not allow enough space for the program.

Also, the ECC provided a central location where special needs children could receive services more efficiently and more cost effectively. Retaining the ECC saved the town between \$1.2 and \$1.5 million in additional construction costs, according to Johnson.

Johnson said the town has been trying to expand Perry Lane Park through the acquisition of the 14-acre Hall property since 1995, when the land was included in the Open Space Bond Bill. However, lack of funding from the state has stalled the project.

Johnson said he is looking into obtaining a suitable parcel of land to substitute for the park land converted to the ECC, but it won't necessarily include land from the Hall property. Johnson said funding to acquire the land has been included in the capital improvement budget and he expects to move ahead on the project within the next two months.

Substitution of suitable land for converted park land must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Environmental Affairs Secretary Trudy Cox, and by a two-thirds vote of both Town Council and the Legislature.

## Italian Sister City Comm. Chooses Town Near Rome

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

It will be many months before the final approvals are given on both sides of the Atlantic, but the momentum is building on the town's quest for an Italian sister city.

Last month, the 21-member Italian Sister City Commission chose the town of Frosinone, located 70 miles from Rome in the Region of Lazio, as its first choice for establishing a formalized relationship of educational, social, and economic exchange.

Now, the commission is turning its attention to obtaining the funding necessary to send a municipal delegation to Italy for the formal ceremony establishing the sister city relationship. Also, funding will be needed to entertain Italian delegates once the exchange programs are in place.

"The Italian government takes this relationship very seriously and it is expected that the Mayor, the City Council president, and the officers of this commission will attend the formal signing and meet with their counterparts in Italy," according to commission Chairman Joseph Langone.

In addition to looking to the larger corporations in towns for donations, Langone said the commission would seek funding from the town as a permanent line item in the town budget. Langone said the City of Springfield allotted \$10,000 to fund its sister city program.

"I'm going to have to ask the Mayor for a transfer of funds for this fiscal year, but we're going to have to be established as a formal governmental commission in the town's charter," Langone said. "By next fiscal year, we might be a budget item."

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said he would want to look into how other towns fund their sister city commissions before making a commitment of municipal funds.

"I'm very supportive of the sister city process," Johnson said. "It's a wonderful program that will bring us a lot of opportunities for cultural exchange."

Nine members of the commission attended the balloting in person, with the remainder of the votes being cast by absentee ballot. Over the past year, commission members divided up the responsibility for researching the best possible match for Agawam's sister city.

Working from a list of 34 cities, the commission had earlier narrowed the field to four choices: Frosinone, Reggio di Calabria, Campobasso, and Tortona.

Before tallying the vote, Langone explained the balloting system. Each commission member was asked to rank the cities in order of their preference, with the number four designating their first choice. The city receiving the most points would become the town's first choice for the sister city relationship. The vote was Frosinone, 47; Reggio di Calabria, 42; Tortona, 38; and Campobasso, 33.

### Devise A System Of Voting...

Langone said Italian Vice Consul Giuseppe Polimeni had suggested the commission devise a system of voting that would rank the cities in order of preference to ensure contingencies in case the negotiations with the first city fell through. The invitation to become Agawam's sister city now must be approved by the City of Frosinone and the Italian Foreign Ministry.

While commission members were uncertain how long the ratification process will take in Italy, most felt it would be at least six to eight months before the Italian government issues a formal acceptance.

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## SISTER CITY - from Page 6...

Town Councilor John Negrucci, the commission member who researched Frosinone, said the city has a population of 45,815. Traditional agriculture is based on forests and pasture land, while the construction of the Rome-Naples highway has spurred population and industrial growth over the last 30 years.

Pointing out one of the benefits Agawam delegates would enjoy in Frosinone, Negrucci said, "It's only 70 miles from Rome and we could drive there in roughly an hour."

With Agawam poised on the verge of entering a sister city agreement, commission member Anthony Bonavita said the town should make the commission a permanently sanctioned commission to plan and organize programs to provide visitors from the sister city with the same warm welcome traditionally shown to their American visitors.

"Now that we're going to have people visiting us for business, education, sports, and cultural exchanges, our hope is to become a permanent commission," Bonavita said.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, May 14, 1998 at 7:00 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Scalise for property located at 41 Richardson Place.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
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## "A Piece Of The News"...

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

## ZONING REFORM STARTED

Town Council took the first formal step on the road to zoning reform by unanimously supporting a joint venture working with Mayor Christopher C. Johnson to revise and update the town's zoning ordinances.

Sponsored by Council President Donald M. Rheault, the initiative on zoning review puts the council's support behind the Mayor's plan to seek state grant funding to hire an expert to recodify the zoning code. The initiative includes the creation of a computer-generated zoning map at a cost of \$2,000 to \$5,000 and the preparation of a "buildout scenario" for the town.

Council Zoning Committee Chairman Gina Letellier urged the council's unanimous support to strengthen the town's application for a Municipal Incentive Grant to pay the estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000 cost for a consultant to work with a Long Range Zoning Advisory Task Force on revising the zoning code.

The advisory task force is to be comprised of representatives of Town Council, the administration, Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and business and community representatives.

Johnson said the buildout scenario looks at the current zoning and land use to determine what the town will look like when the available land has been fully developed under the existing zoning code. Also, the buildout scenario includes the fiscal impact of allowing development to continue under the existing code in terms of providing town services as well as road and school construction.

## REGULATING ADULT BUSINESSES

The council will hold a public hearing on June 15th on an ordinance to regulate adult businesses. Last month, the council agreed to act as the petitioner of the proposed legislation by sending the ordinance to the Planning Board for their review. The board will hold a public hearing

on the measure at its May 21st meeting in the community room at the police station.

After reviewing the ordinance, the Planning Board will send its recommendations to the council, and the council will then have 90 days to act on the measure.

Sponsored by Councilors Jill Simpson and Nancy Thompson, the ordinance requires a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals for adult entertainment uses and prohibits adult entertainment within 1,000 feet of a residential zone, church, school, playground, or youth center.

Adult entertainment uses include adult bookstores, movie theaters, video stores, and nude dancing.

## LETTER OF SUPPORT

In a straw vote, the council agreed to send a letter of support for the Agawam Historical Commission's application for a grant to hire a consultant to prepare and submit the required documents in order to create a National Historical District on Main and Elm Streets.

Under the terms of the grant program, the town would be required to provide 34 percent funding of the total estimated cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000. In a memo sent to the council, Johnson said the matching funds are currently available in the town's professional services account to cover the town's share (\$2,720 to \$3,400) if the grant application is successful.

The proposed National Historic District would encompass the area around Main and Elm Streets, west on Elm to the old mill, north on Main Street to the Captain Leonard House, and south on Main Street to Adams Street.

## APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

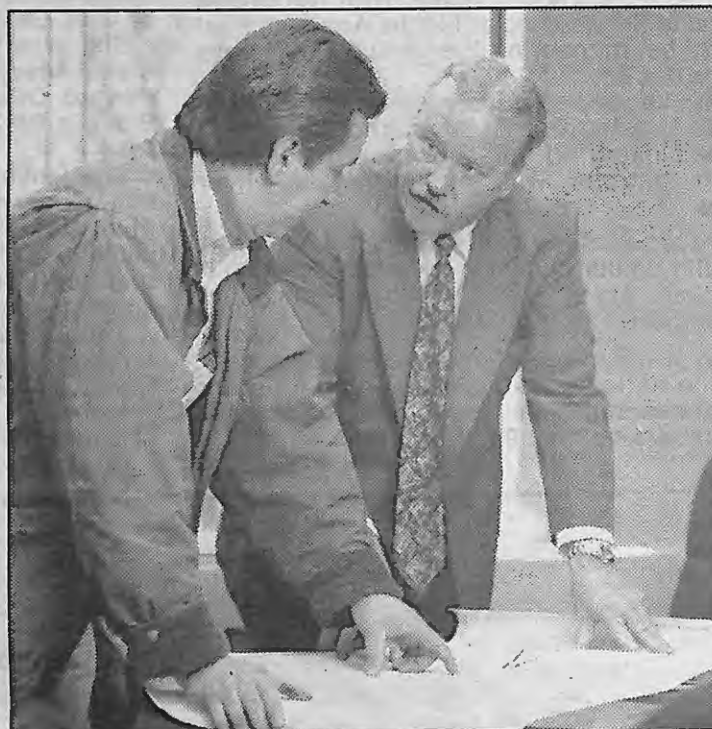
Receiving unanimous council approval were resolutions:

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## "PIECE" - from Page 7...

- confirming the appointment of **Gerald M. Landry** to the Board of Commissioners to Administer the Thomas Pyne and Whiting Street Funds for a term expiring December 31, 1999;
- confirming the reappointment of **Dennis B. Hopkins** to the Planning Board for a term expiring January 1, 2003;
- establishing a stop sign at the intersection of Haskell and Wright Streets.

## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 21, 1998 at 7:15 PM at the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Town Council for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, to allow for provisions to regulate "Adult Businesses in the Town of Agawam." A copy of the proposed zoning amendment can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

Published: May 7, 1998

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
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## Agawam Post Office To Participate In National Food Drive

On Saturday, May 9th, the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, including the Agawam Post Office, will be sponsoring the annual Food Drive across the nation.

On this second Saturday in May, tens of thousands of Letter Carriers throughout the country will be picking up non-perishable food items that their patrons will be leaving by their mailboxes.

"We are proud of our past efforts, but we would like to build on our success, because the need is greater than ever," said Vincent Siniscalchi, NALC Food Drive Coordinator.

"Last year was the largest one-day collection of food in the nation's history. Please help us and your local community in this worthwhile effort to top that record on May 9th," he said.

# — Agawam Obituaries —

## Lukasz Rutkowski

Lukasz Rutkowski, 18, of 43 Halladay Drive, Feeding Hills, died in Carver.

He worked at Carmelina's On The Hill Restaurant for two years.

Born in Bialystok, Poland, he came to this country in 1989, and lived in West Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1992.

He was a student at Agawam High School, and a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Springfield.

He leaves his parents, Stanislaw and Helena (Nowik) at home; a sister, Kasia Rutkowski of Feeding Hills; his paternal grandmother, Helena Rutkowski of West Springfield; his maternal grandmother, Leona Nowik in Poland; and aunts and uncles.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Stanislaus's Cemetery in Chicopee.

## John Michnovetz

John Michnovetz, 81, of Agawam, died at home.

He was a machinist at the former Diamond Match Co. and retired 10 years ago. He worked previously for the Springfield Armory and Perkins Machine & Gear Co.

He was born in Springfield, and lived in Agawam for 30 years.

He was a member of the Springfield Boys Club and Chicopee's Elks Lodge 1849.

His wife, the late Mafalda Michnovetz, died in 1977.

He leaves two sons, Gary and Richard of Agawam; a brother, Michael of Agawam; a sister, Helen Margosiak of Springfield; a friend, Joanne Fillips of Windsor Locks, Connecticut; two grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Springfield Funeral Home, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Providence Home Care, 1236 Main Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

## Florence M. Ottolangui

Florence M. (Fuller) MacPhail Ottolangui, 95, formerly of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, died at a local nursing home.

Born in Chester, she attended the Christ Lutheran Church in Southwick, and was a long-time Feeding Hills resident.

She was a third-generation granddaughter of Sgt. Elijah Churchill, the first enlisted man to be awarded the Badge of Military Merit (Purple Heart) by Gen. General Washington.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Daniel MacPhail, in 1966, her second husband, Edward Ottolangui, in 1981, a son, David MacPhail, in 1982, and a daughter, Dorothy Cloutier, in 1974.

She leaves two sons, Robert MacPhail of Vernon, Connecticut, and Sgt. Major Kenneth MacPhail of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Blanche Swentnickas of Westfield; 11 grandchildren; great-grandchildren; stepchildren; and stepgrandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, with the burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

## Willie McLeod

Willie McLeod, 80, of 36 Sanderson Street, Springfield, a dyer at the Bigelow-Sanford Rug Company in Hartford, Connecticut, died at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam.

Born and educated in North Carolina, he lived in Springfield for 50 years.

He was a member of Silver Hill Methodist Church in Laurinsburg, North Carolina.

He leaves his wife, the former Beulah Griffin of Springfield; three sons, William, Calvin, and Johnnie, all of Springfield; two daughters, Janice and Judy McLeod, both of Springfield; a sister, Martha Rollins of Morristown, North Carolina; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by a daughter, Sallie Ann McLeod, and two brothers, Henry and Laice.

The funeral was scheduled to be private, and Harrell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 55 Capital Drive, West Springfield, MA 01089.

## Emily M. Naciewicz Subjek

Emily M. (Liss) Naciewicz Subjek, 78, of 24 Rowley Street, Agawam, died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She owned and operated Millie's Beauty Parlor in Agawam with her late sister.

Born and educated in East Granby, Connecticut, she moved to Agawam in the 1940's.

She was a graduate of the former Dore's Academy beauty culture school of Springfield.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Stanley Naciewicz, in 1958, and her husband, Walter Subjek, in 1974.

She leaves a sister, Josephine Levandowski of East Granby, and several nephews, nieces, grand-nephews, and grandnieces.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home, followed by a Mass in the church and burial in St. Thomas' Cemetery, West Springfield.

## Catherine M. O'Neil

Catherine M. (Fennessey) O'Neil, 91, of Millis, died on April 23rd at Metro West Medical Center in Natick.

She was a secretary at the former Fiske Rubber Co. of Chicopee, and at Teleregister Co. and Bonneson Engineering Co. of Stamford, Connecticut.

Born in Springfield, she lived in Agawam and Stamford.

She was a 1925 graduate of Sacred Heart High School, and a member of the Mills Twin Terrace Club, the Council on Aging, the Agawam Senior Citizens Club, and the Springfield Hammond Organ Society.

She was predeceased by her husband, John F.

She leaves a son, John E. ("Jack") of Bethel, Connecticut; a daughter, Joan C. Dikun of Millis; a grandson; and two great-granddaughters.

The Mass was held at St. Michael's Apostolic Church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield. Roberts-Mitchell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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OBITUARIES - from Page 8...

**Cecelia A. Thompson**

Cecelia A. (Carmel) Thompson, 82, of 6 Valley Street, Agawam, a 38-year inspector for Southworth Paper Co., died at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

She retired in 1977.

Born in Springfield, she was a longtime area resident, and a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

Her husband, Raymond C. Thompson, died in 1983.

She leaves two sons, Raymond C. Jr. of Chicopee, and Richard A. of Agawam; a daughter, Marlene A. Pezzimenti of Agawam; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by two sons, George A. in 1982, and Robert J. in 1994.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

**Jeannette G. Bridge**

Jeannette G. Bridge, 94, formerly of Springfield, died in a local nursing home.

She was a principal clerk for the state Department of Public Welfare, and retired in 1966.

A lifelong resident, she attended city schools, and attended the Trinity United Methodist Church from 1913.

She was a volunteer at the Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Agawam, and was named one of Springfield's top 10 mental health volunteers.

Her sister, Beatrice Bridge, died in 1979.

She leaves no close relatives.

The funeral was held at Dickinson-Streeter Funeral Home, with the burial in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 361 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA 01108.

**David J. Morales**

David J. ("Moe") Morales, 58, of 1162 Springfield Street, Agawam, died at home.

He owned and operated Moe's Automotive Co. for several years.

Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield and Agawam all his life.

He earned his Eagle Scout insignia in West Springfield, and was graduated from the town's High School in 1957.

He leaves two daughters, Lisa Morales of Loudonville, New York, and Lori Jerrier of Canton; three brothers, Daniel and Ronald of West Springfield, and Robert of Westfield; and two grandchildren.

The graveside service was held at Center Cemetery, and West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

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By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
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## Highlights Of Heritage Hall's Volunteer Breakfast



**KIMBERLY GEORGE**, Director of Volunteer Services at Heritage Hall, presents an "Excellence In Community Service Award" to Al Mutti, a teacher at Springfield Chestnut Middle School, in recognition of the "Across Ages" program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON** presents a "National Volunteer Week Proclamation" to Kimberly George at the Heritage Hall volunteer banquet, which was held on April 22nd at Old Country Buffet in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**PETER MADDEN** (left), Regional Director for Genesis ElderCare, accepts a check for over \$81,000 from Kimberly George. The check represents the in-kind value of volunteer service for 1997 at Heritage Hall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**PAMELA LAMLEIN** (right) from Brightside For Families and Children receives an "Excellence In Community Service Award" from Kimberly George at the annual Heritage Hall volunteer banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CLYDE BENTON** accepts a "Full Life Volunteer Award" from Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services at Heritage Hall, at the April 22nd volunteer banquet. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**LAURA DIFLUMERA** (left), a volunteer at Heritage Hall South, accepts a Genesis ElderCare "Full Life Volunteer Award" for outstanding service from Kimberly George. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AT THE HERITAGE HALL VOLUNTEER BANQUET**, Jan and Fern Martin receive one of the Genesis ElderCare's "Full Life Volunteer Awards" for outstanding volunteer service at Heritage Hall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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RON KUJAWSKI, an upcoming guest speaker for the Agawam Garden Club.

## Agawam Garden Club To Meet On Tuesday, May 12th

Ron Kujawski, newspaper columnist, lecturer, and Extension Educator in the Nursery, Landscape, and Urban Forestry Program at the University of Massachusetts, will be the guest speaker at the May 12th meeting of the Agawam Garden Club.

His talk will focus on vegetable gardening, with emphasis on organic methods. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Captain Leonard House on Main Street, Agawam.

A native of Florida raised on a farm, Kujawski earned a Bachelor's Degree in Biology at the University of Albany. His Master's Degree research focused on plant ecology, and his Doctorate research was in the area of plant physiology.

Kujawski's work at the University of Massachusetts is in the Department of Plant and Soil Science. It involves consultations with nursery crop producers, landscape contractors, and turf managers on matters related to soil and nutrient management, pest management, and plant production.

He also lectures, presents workshops, and writes technical sheets and newsletters. His column, "The Gardener's Checklist," appears in 14 New England newspapers, and his column, "Berkshire Garden Journal," appears in *The Berkshire Eagle*.

Anyone interested may attend for a \$1 guest fee. The program will follow the business meeting, and a social with refreshments will follow.

## Applications Available For Fall Craft Fair

Applications are now available for the annual Polish American Auxiliary Craft Fair. The organization's main scholarship fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 17th at the Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Spaces are available at \$20 each for an eight-foot space. For an application or information, please call Eleanor at 786-1359.

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## Annual "Art Show" At Senior Center...



THE TUESDAY OPEN ART STUDIO CLASS from the Agawam Senior Center will host its annual "Art Show" from April 28th-May 15th. The collection includes work from their teacher, Florida Tangocci, a member of Golden Age Chapter 1 and her 13 students, including kitchen staff member Joanna Fazio. This spring "Art Show" can be seen when the Senior Center is open. From left to right - Alice Fournier, Virginia Bauer, Holly Hastings, Peg Boucher, Betty Lee Meiers, Shirley Pike, and Alice DeVivo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Service For Parents Seeking Babysitters

The Agawam Library is currently conducting our "Babysitting Basics" course for local students aged 10 and up.

As an extension of this program, we are offering a service for parents seeking babysitters.

Local parents are invited to visit the library and register themselves in the Parent/Babysitter Box. Include parent contact information as well as any babysitter qualifications.

This file will be made available to babysitters, allowing them to contact parents for employment situations.

YOU MUST REGISTER IN PERSON AT THE LIBRARY.

## Marine Mike DiMatteo Reports For Duty

Marine Pfc. Michael DiMatteo, son of Amedeo and Luz DiMatteo of 184 Tobacco Farm Road, Feeding Hills, recently reported for duty with Marine Corps Security Force Company, London, England.

DiMatteo's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and Sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect U.S. national interests by serving as the principal enforcers of peacetime engagement, deterrence, and crisis response around the world.

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THE 16 MEMBERS OF THE Agawam Junior Women's Club who attended the Annual Conference in Hyannis. Front row - Leslie McNair, Eileen Hamre, Rosalie Dialessi, Pat Belisle, Anne Woodard, Cindy Taylor, Stephanie Bertagnolli, Mary O'Connell, Sue Godfrey, Liz Taylor, and Donna Shibley. Back row - Betty Vershon, Laura Paul, Diane Graveline, Laurie Snow, and Linda Robie.

## Jr. Women's Club Wins Awards At Annual Women's Clubs Conference

The General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts and the Junior Federation of Women's Clubs held their Annual Conference on April 25, 1998 at Hyannis on the Cape.

Sixteen members from the Agawam Junior Women's Club were in attendance: Anne Woodard, President; Cindy Sanford Taylor, Vice-President; Stephanie Bertagnolli, Donna Shibley, Eileen Hamre, Rosalie Dialessi, Liz Taylor, Sue Godfrey, Linda Robie, Leslie McNair, Laura Paul, Mary O'Connell, Betty Vershon, Diane Graveline, Pat Belisle, and Laurie Snow.

Our host was the Library Association of Randolph, who welcomed us and gave us the history of Randolph and its shoe industry. Our President, Geraldine Barretto-Sims, gave an inspiring talk about the Value of Volunteerism being priceless and so are the women who volunteer their labor.

She also went on to explain that the GFWC Conference held at Seacrest would have the following slate of speakers: Jane Swift, running for Lieutenant Governor, and Eileen McNamara, who sponsored a project called "Operation White Sox" to match the 3,000 pairs of white shoes acquired through a fundraiser by the Sandwich Women's Club.

Any club member attending the Seacrest Conference should bring a pair of white socks to the meeting.

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Barry Coleman, Director of Junior Women's

Clubs, reported that the clubs in Massachusetts did over 3,148 community projects in the year 1997. The Agawam Junior Women's Club's contribution to this figure was well-recognized.

Before the day was over, the club took home awards for best medium size club in the following Federations and special projects: The Arts, Education, Children at Risk, Home Life, International Affairs, Newsletter, Youth Involvement, and President's Guidelines. They also won overall excellence for the best pressbook out of all Junior Women's Clubs in the State of Massachusetts. This was the highest honor given for the publicity category.

Also, staying at the Four Points Hotel from Boston was a chorus group called "Women for Notes." The chorus was comprised of several female singing groups who do "barbershop quartet" singing competitions.

A group came to our room and not only did they sing, but they gave a free lesson to our Club President, Anne Woodward, and our Ways and Means Chairwoman, Betty Vershon. ALL SIX GAVE US A PERFORMANCE AND THEY WERE GREAT!

If you wish to join our club, our meetings are held every third Tuesday of the month at the Captain Charles Leonard House on Main Street in Agawam at 7:30 p.m.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the GFWC of Massachusetts.



TONYA LIN TABIN AND ANTHONY PAONE

## Tonya Lin Tabin Is Engaged To Wed Anthony Paone

Ted and Charlotte Tabin of Agawam are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tonya Lin, to Anthony Paone, the son of Mrs. Florence Phillips of Vernon, Connecticut and Anthony Paone of Kensington, Connecticut.

Tonya is a 1990 graduate of Agawam High School and 1993 graduate of Holyoke Community College. She is employed as an underwriter assistant at Executive Risk in Simsbury, Connecticut.

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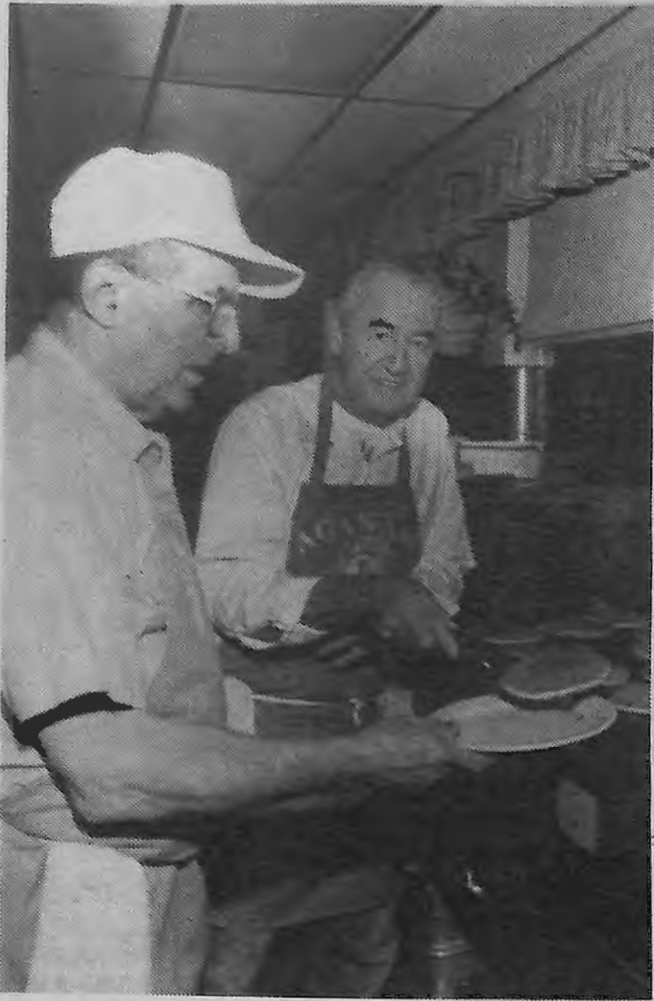
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## Senior Center's "Friends" Hold Pancake Breakfast



THE FRIENDS OF THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER held a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 19th. IN LEFT PHOTO: Chefs Dick Bassett and John Negrucchi, representing the Agawam Lions Club, definitely "flipped" over their kitchen duties. IN MIDDLE PHOTO: Breakfast helpers Desiree Jacobs, Jack Conroy, and Hal Deyo. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Caroline and Frank DeMaio enjoyed themselves at the pancake breakfast. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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All of these exceptionally talented young performers have had their dance skills enhanced and refined by their extremely talented and dedicated teacher, Lisa Attannasio, owner/director of Dazzle Studio of Dance, located at 605 Page Boulevard, Springfield, MA.

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**STUDENTS FROM Dazzle Studio of Dance in Springfield who've been selected to be "POWER PAK PERFORMERS" (from left to right): Steven Visneau, Nicole Rheaume, Devon Easley, Jessica Theriaque, and Ryan Richardson.**

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\* June 6th, at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Tickets will be sold at the door or may be purchased by calling Dazzle Studio of Dance (731-7527).

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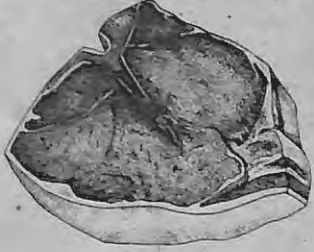
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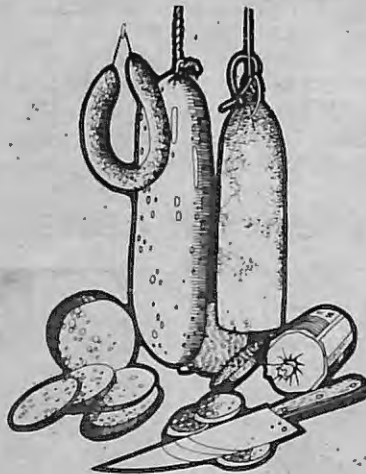
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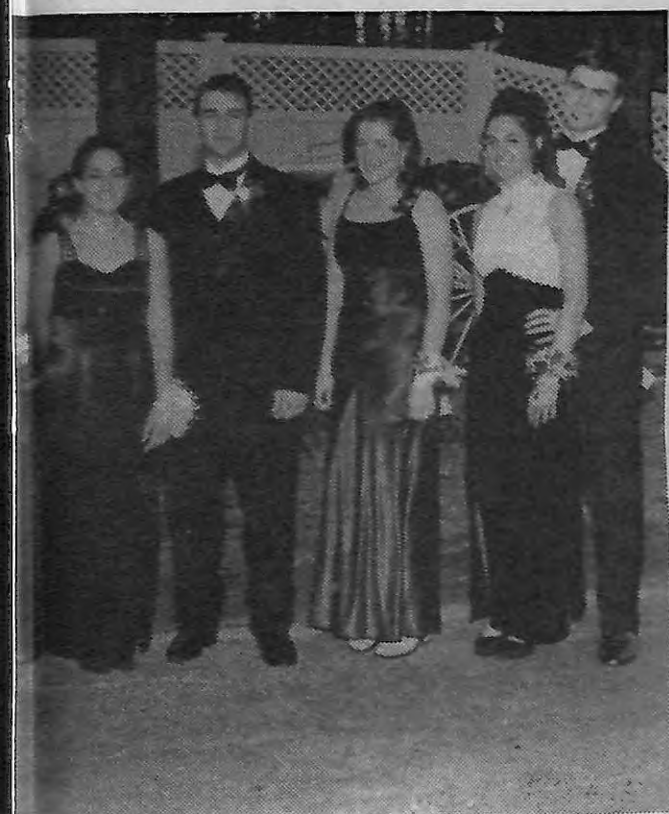
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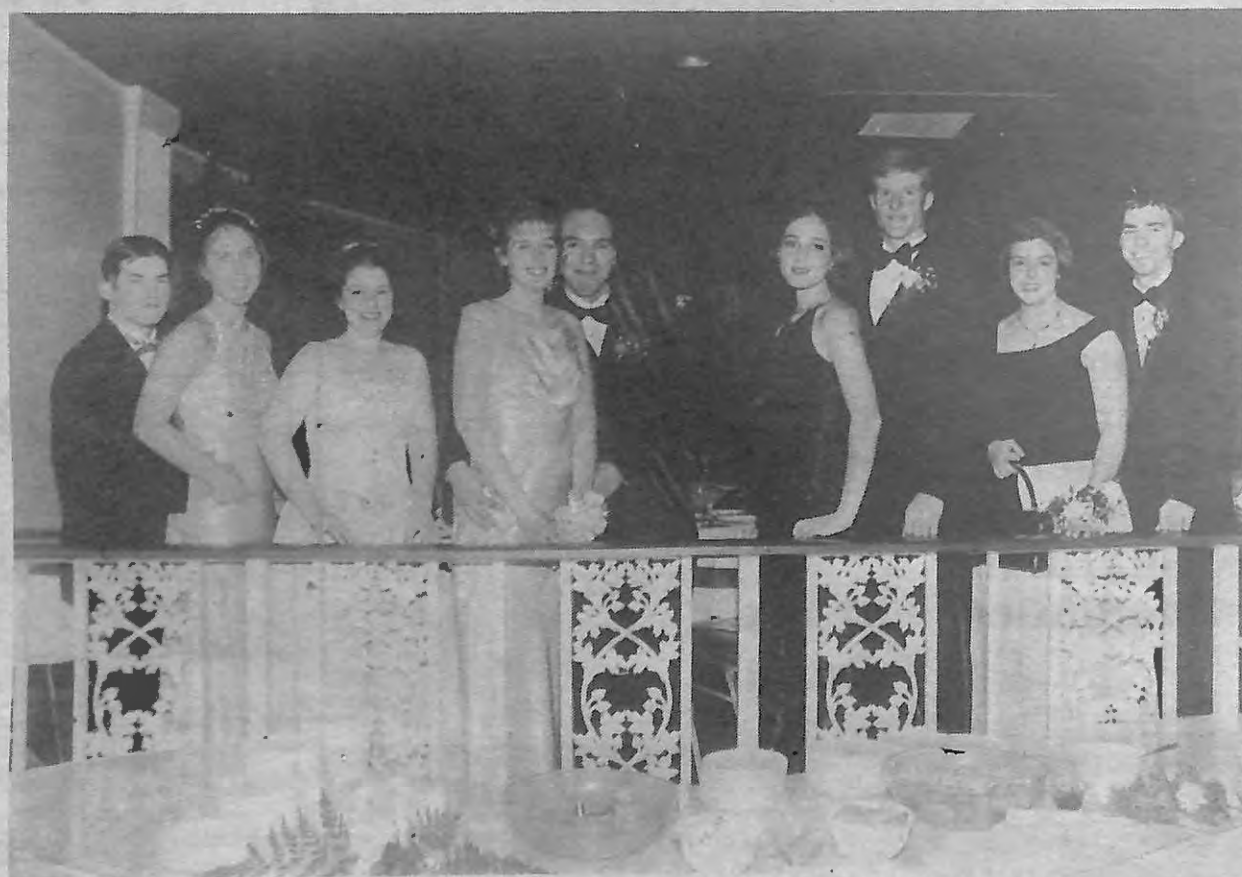
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### Fundraiser Slated For May 23rd

The Agawam Senior Games Athletes are busy planning a large tag/bake sale, along with a car wash, at the Agawam Senior Center on Saturday, May 23rd, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

They are asking all family members and friends to come forward with clean, usable tag sale items. The athletes have a reputation of having very good prices and a good selection of merchandise for sale.

The members all bake up some irresistible goodies for the bake sale, and they serve coffee and donuts for a dollar.

Many folks in town look forward to the tag sales held by the Agawam Senior Games Athletes, and the athletes all hope that those who have not come to one of their tag sales, will certainly give it a try this time.

Hope to see you all there!!!

### Staff Sgt. Barbara Lisius Earns Award

Staff Sergeant Barbara A. (Moreau) Lisius was recently honored at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. She was nominated and selected as Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's Air Traffic Controller of the Year for 1997.

The base has a high volume of air traffic and is known as the home of the aircraft "bone-yard." One of its main missions is the training of pilots to be qualified on the A-10 aircraft.

Barbara is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School, and a 1996 graduate of Southern Illinois University. She lives in Oro Valley, Arizona, with her husband, Andrew, and son, Anthony.

She is the daughter of Raymond and Marguerite Moreau of Feeding Hills.

### Spfld. Italian Women's Club To Meet 5/18

The May 18th meeting of Springfield's Italian Women's Club will be held at Cara Mia's, 1011 East Columbus Avenue, Springfield.

The membership is open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian), with a sponsor.

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## AHS's Class Of 1973 Is Planning 25th Reunion For Nov. 27th

Can you believe it has been 25 years already? Save this date — Friday, November 27, 1998 — for this special occasion.

The 25th reunion for Agawam High School's class of 1973 will be held at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, and more information will be forthcoming.

We are trying to locate some missing classmates. If you can help with any addresses or know the whereabouts of the following individuals, please call Susan Borgatti Meunier at 786-6669 or Steve Richter at 569-3214. Thanks!

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## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 11th:** Ziti with sauce and meatballs, broccoli and cauliflower, garlic bread, cantaloupe.

**Tuesday, May 12th:** Pork chops, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas and carrots, rye bread, pineapple chunks.

**Wednesday, May 13th:** Roast turkey, stuffing with gravy, summer squash, cranberry sauce, rye bread, chocolate pudding.

**Thursday, May 14th:** Baked chicken leg, sweet potatoes, cabbage, pumpernickel bread, peach crisp.

**Friday, May 15th:** Corn chowder, egg salad on a roll, broccoli salad, jello with fruit.

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IN LEFT PHOTO: Kathy Wilson of the Behavioral Health Network presents a plaque to Ruth Roberts, retiring coordinator of the Agawam Counseling Center's GED program. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Ruth with the party attendees who were on hand to celebrate her retirement. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Counseling Center Holds Retirement Party For Ruth Roberts

A party was held on a recent Monday evening at the Agawam Counseling Center to honor the retirement of Ruth Roberts, long-time coordinator of the Center's GED program.

Since 1971, the Agawam Counseling Center has been providing counseling, mental health, and substance abuse services to troubled youth and their families in the Agawam/Westfield area. Begun as a drop-in center for troubled youth, and funded by an original grant of \$4,200 from the Commonwealth for drug education and prevention, the Center has always enjoyed strong community involvement and support.

Ruth was an active and enthusiastic member of the original group developing the Center. Today, the Center provides comprehensive, quality mental health and substance abuse services designed to meet the unique needs of children, families,

and individuals in the community.

Friends and staff were all on hand to celebrate the many contributions Ruth has made to the Center's success.

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Born on a farm in Feeding Hills, the second of five children, Ruth began her education in a school on West Street, where four grades were taught in one room.

"If you were a smart first-grader," says Ruth, "you could do the fourth grade, too." Perhaps that experience is what shaped her conviction that everyone has different styles and rates of learning, which has made her such an effective GED instructor.

Ruth went on to finish high school in Agawam, where she met her husband 57 years ago. After attending Bay Path Junior College, Ruth was busy

raising their two sons, working at a variety of jobs, and keeping busy in her church and other community activities.

Ruth has had plenty to keep her busy over the years at the Center, too, where she has done a little bit of just about everything, including office worker, counselor, and janitor. "I was even the Director for about five weeks one year, when I was the only paid staff member around!"

Of course, we all know her best as the warm, encouraging GED instructor who has meant so much to late learners over the years.

"Only the change in welfare regulations, which has made the Center's program no longer viable, persuaded us to let her go," said Program Director Fran Wall. "She has agreed to stay on our Advisory Board, and we are grateful that we'll continue to have the benefit of her advice."

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## Marine Cpl. Michael Poth Participates In Ceremony In Okinawa

Feeding Hills native Marine Lance Cpl. Michael H. Poth, a basic hygiene equipment operator, participated in the redesignation ceremony of the Northern Training Area to the Jungle Warfare Training Center (JWTC) March 23rd.

Son of Robert and Laura Poth, the 21-year-old, 1995 graduate of Agawam High School, is one of 42 Marines and Sailors who support the island's northern most military base.

Formerly known as the Northern Training Area (NTA), because of its close location to the northern end of the island, the JWTC covers approximately 20,000 acres of land used since 1958 for training by infantry and support units of all military branches.

"Our presence here in Okinawa provides a sense of security for America," said Poth. Their goal is to enhance the warfighting capability of Marine Corps forces in the jungle environment and provide unique opportunities for all other services in the Western Pacific, from the individual through battalion/squadron level operations.

Units training at the old NTA usually took part in one of two training packages, the Combat Skills Course (CSC) or the Field Skills Course (FSC). Both courses were retained after the JWTC was opened.

The CSC is a two-week course aimed at training infantry units assigned to the Unit Deployment Program. The course includes classes in patrolling, land navigation, and small-unit leadership. The thickly-vegetated, rugged, mountain terrain forces small-unit leaders to take control at the fire-team and squad levels because of the difficulty in maintaining communication.

The FSC is a six-day course that provides Marines, Sailors, Soldiers, and Airmen serving in support roles with refresher classes focused on rear area security and patrolling. The primary purpose of the course is to revive combat skills initially gained through entry level training.

"We take Marines who don't get the opportunity to train as often as infantry units and we give them the building blocks to go back to their units and train," said Capt. Bryan Mangan, officer in charge (OIC), JWTC, 4th Marines.

According to Maj. Jeffrey J. Hederer, operations officer, 4th Marines, opening the JWTC means more than just repainting a sign.

Added and improved bivouac sites, messing facilities, and field showers will give the JWTC the ability to support up to 1,000 Marines.

Plans to establish a Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape (SERE) school to support aviation training as well as other ground military occupational specialties, are also in the works, according to Larsen.

"We're gaining the resources to train infantry battalions as a whole," said 1st Lt. Matthew H. Anderson, assistant OIC, JWTC, 4th Marines. "Previously we were geared towards training smaller units, such as companies. We're going to retain that focus but this gives us greater leverage with the training we can conduct."

Other improvements call for the JWTC to incorporate the CSC into a lengthened course for infantry battalions. After the first two weeks of small-unit leader development, training will culminate with company- and battalion-level operations. Company and battalion commanders will be able to select from a menu of training opportunities. Possible training packages could include ground-air integrated training, and military operations in urban terrain (MOUT).

"When you look at jungle warfare and urban warfare, you can see many similarities in the way visibility and communication are affected," said Mangan. "We're trying to focus on skills that are transferable between MOUT and Jungle Warfare."

The changes and improvements will create a facility capable of training Marines for the battlefield of the 21st century. "The objective is to make this the premier Jungle Warfare Training Center in the world," said Hederer.

United States Marine Corps forward presence in the Japan region is an essential element of regional security and America's global military posture. Forward deployed Marines, specifically on Okinawa, ensure a rapid and flexible worldwide crisis response capability.

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## Kervian Family Announces Birth Of Son, Thomas Paul

Robert and Janet Kervian announce the birth of their son, Thomas Paul Kervian, who was born on March 20, 1998.

Thomas weighed six pounds, five ounces and was 20 inches long.

He was welcomed home by his sister, Jennifer, and his brother, Tyler. The maternal grandparents are Leo and Evelyn Gendron of Chicopee. The paternal grandparents are Robert and Evelyn Kervian of Southampton.



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AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER'S Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet (from left to right): Joan Linnehan, Lorraine Daley (Volunteer Coordinator), Eleanor Geiger, Nellis Mathias, State Rep. Daniel Keenan, Caroline DeMaio, Fran Smith, and Senior Center Executive Director Richard Mundo.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Crafters Sought For Jr. Women's Annual Arts And Crafts Fair

Crafters are sought for the Agawam Junior Women's Club's 24th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair scheduled for Saturday, June 6th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Fair will be held on the grounds of the Captain Charles Leonard House at 663 Main Street in Agawam. All types of artisans and crafters are invited to participate in this event. The show will be juried and feature approximately 80 to 100 exhibitors.

Admission is free and all proceeds benefit the AJWC Scholarship Fund. Tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be available. A Youth Art Exhibit will be on display as well.

The size of each space will be 12' x 12' and a \$45 showing fee will be due at time of application. A food concession will also be available during the day for your convenience.

For more information or an application, please call Paula at 786-0511 or Margaret at 786-2651.

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Please remember that our deadline is each Tues. at 12 noon - ADVERTISER NEWS!!!

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## Agawam Senior Center Holds Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet

On Friday, April 24th, the Annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held at the Agawam Senior Center.

There was a social hour from 5:00-6:00 p.m. with chef Betty Couture and her marvelous staff providing a very appealing appetizer table with Linda Wojcik at the punch bowl, as well as a truly delicious dinner of roast pork with all the trimmings, which included a lovely fresh pineapple boat at each place setting.

Guests were treated to a repertoire of beautiful music by Elaine Manchester at the keyboard. Peter Forastiere presided as master of ceremonies.

Each of the volunteers received certificates of appreciation signed by Mayor Christopher C. Johnson with Richard Mundo presenting.

Tom Hay and his grandson provided entertainment with some exceptional hats and a comedy routine.

Senator Linda Melconian and Rep. Daniel Keenan each spoke in recognition of the efforts of all the volunteers. Senator Melconian presented each volunteer with a Senate citation inscribed with their name and number of volunteer hours donated.

Lorraine Daley, Volunteer Coordinator, would like to take this time to extend her profound thanks to Senator Melconian, Rep. Keenan, "chef" Betty Couture and her staff, Lynn Katzman, Joan Linnehan, Sally Bresnahan, and all who helped to make the evening an exceptional one.



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## At The Volunteer Banquet...



PETER FORASTIERE, Chairman of the Agawam Council on Aging and Master of Ceremonies for the Agawam Senior Center's Annual Volunteer Recognition, with Terry Fecowicz and Mary Gannuscio.  
Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Westfield Bank Continues Strong Performance During Early 1998

Westfield Bank continued its strong performance during the first quarter of 1998, with commercial loans increasing 4.3 percent, to \$22.3 million, from \$21.4 million at the end of the fourth quarter.

"Our strong financial position during the first quarter is indicative of the fact that an increasing number of businesses and consumers are turning to locally owned banks," says bank President Donald A. Williams.

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Other financial highlights from the first quarter include total assets for the first quarter increased by \$3.6 million to \$553 million; and real estate loans increased by \$778,896 to \$336 million.

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## AGAWAM CHAPTER UNICO

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## Lick-A-Pop Drive Continues For Agawam UNICO

Agawam UNICO will continue its annual Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop drive the second weekend of May to raise funds for the Agawam UNICO Mental Health Fund.

Each year, money from this fund goes to Easter Seals and the Mental Health Association. A Special Education Grant is also given each year from this fund. This year, donations have been given to Loaves and Fishes and to the Epilepsy Foundation.

UNICO members, with permission from local merchants, will again be outside local establishments with their canisters for this drive. On May 8th and 9th, they will be outside these establishments dressed in their straw hats and aprons to greet you with lollipops. Please be as generous as you can in order to make this year's drive a great success.

## Noted Curator To Address Historical Assoc.'s Annual Mtg.

Does your attic contain historic photographic treasures? For many of us, the answer is, "Yes."

Those attending the May 27th annual dinner meeting of the Agawam Historical Association will have the opportunity of learning how to recognize and preserve those precious pictorial views of our past. Featured speaker will be Melonie Solomon, Curator of History at the Springfield Library and Museums.

Melonie is an engaging speaker who has received wide acclaim for the excellence of the photographic exhibits she has collected and arranged. Her remarks will include specific comments and advice about the photographs the Historical Association is collecting from local townspeople for Agawam's new Historical and Fire Museum.

The meeting will be at the Captain Charles Leonard House and is open to the public. A brief business meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of electing officers for the 1998-99 year. A special-buffet dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m., and the speaker's presentation will begin at 8:00 p.m.

The cost of the dinner is \$11. The buffet has been planned to appeal and please a wide variety of tastes. Included will be various ham, chicken, and pasta items with all the "fixings" (as well as dessert). For reservations, call the Millers at 786-7329 by May 22nd.

An open invitation is extended to the entire community to participate in a pleasant and informative evening. Rick Bellico, President of the Historical Association, points out that the Museum project is now at a critical stage:

"We have begun receiving artifacts for the new museum. However, we still are a little less than \$10,000 short of our \$30,000 fundraising goal to renovate the building and provide space to house these items. The community's continued interest and support is essential."

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IN TOP PHOTO: Mayor Christopher C. Johnson presents a proclamation for the Paul Ferrarini Lick-A-Pop drive to Agawam UNICO members Dennis Marchetto and Al D'Agostino. IN PHOTO AT LEFT: UNICO members Dennis Marchetto, Rich Morassi, and Dick DiLullo outside of Food Mart last Saturday, May 2nd, to raise money for the Lick-A-Pop drive. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## The 1998 Edition Of WestFest Has A Variety Of Entertainers For Audiences Of All Ages

The 17th annual WestFest Arts Festival will be held May 16th and May 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Stanley Park, Western Avenue, Westfield.

With 135 juried artists, craftsmen, and photographers working in traditional and contemporary styles, daily art demonstrations, two performance stages, and hands-on children's activities, WestFest offers something for everyone.

The festival is held rain or shine, with a food court, picnic area, and ample on-site parking. All events are handicap-accessible.

Admission is \$4 for adults, and \$2 for seniors and students. Children under 12 years of age will be admitted free.

### PERFORMING ARTISTS

WestFest 1998 showcases a variety of performing artists on two stages all weekend long while minstrels, magicians, jugglers, and storytellers give impromptu performances as they stroll around the grounds.

This year's featured entertainers include **Ninots Folk Theater**, scheduled to perform on Saturday, May 16th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the performing arts tent.

Mark Dannenhauer and Jane Urban founded the Ninots Folk Theater in 1984 with a goal to make theater accessible to the broadest possible audience. In performance, Ninots use rod puppets, masks, and body puppets crafted in a variety of techniques. With live sound central to their performance, these imaginative artists are sure to delight audiences of all ages.

Celtic traditional music will be performed in the food tent from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The group **Gan Ainn** features an assortment of instruments and voice to provide a taste of Ireland, Scotland, and the Canadian Maritimes.

This group of musicians from the Westfield area and beyond will entertain with stand-up bass, piano, hammer dulcimer, fiddle, celtic harp, penny whistle, guitar, and Irish drum (bodhran). The haunting voice of Alice Marsh, who comes to us from New Haven, Connecticut, is the frosting on the cake for this exciting group.

Local favorite **Annie Wenz and friends** will perform in the performing arts tent on Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Annie is best known for her eclectic musical style. She blends contemporary acoustic/alternative sounds with traditional music by bringing instruments and rhythms of other cultures to her ballads and stories of the road.

The friends include **Jim Henry**, an award-winning songwriter and performer. Jim grew up listening to late-night radio, roadhouse blues, country, and rowdy honky tonk music. He blends American roots music into his contemporary songs beautifully sung and played.

**Richard Berman** has performed in various clubs and coffeehouses throughout the Northeast. An award-winning songwriter, Richard displays his talent and musical gifts by writing and performing songs that impart a true understanding of people's lives.

**Justina and Joyce** give their own unique twist to contemporary folk/acoustic music; they call it "Divafolk." With guitars, lap dulcimer, and their extraordinary voices, Justina and Joyce will surely enchant the WestFest audience.

On Sunday, May 17th, WestFest will showcase Community Arts Day with performances by the **Westfield Theater Group** at 1:00 p.m. in the performance tent. This year's presentation, "An Actor's Nightmare," is not to be missed.

**Westfield High School** will showcase our future performing artists in two presentations: scenes from the musical "Grease," and selections performed by the Brass Choir.

Taking to the stage in the Food Tent will be the **Berkshire Highlander Bagpipe Band**, performing from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Streetsinger **Stephen Baird** will be the featured performer from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. He has toured 42 states, playing on street corners, at fairs, festivals, concerts, coffeehouses, and over 100 college campuses.

With his six- and 12-string guitars, mandolin, dulcimer, banjo, Autoharp, kazoo, tambourine, powerful voice, and enormous repertoire, Stephen has the ability to attract and hold an audience for hours.

As you can see, the entertainment at WestFest 1998 will definitely offer something for everyone!

## B - I - N - G - O???



AT HERITAGE HALL'S West Building last month, resident Rose Garneau wondered if "Lady Luck" was with her as she tried her hand at a game of Bingo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Family Film At The Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents ages four and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Saturday, May 23rd, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. to view the film "Monkey Trouble."

Dodger is a tiny monkey who gets into more trouble than a barrel full of his relatives! This movie is rated PG and will appeal to kids as well as grownups.

Please register by May 21st by calling 789-1550 or visiting the library.

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## Here's looking at Cooking

As part of an overall healthful eating plan, the American Heart Association offers the following recipe. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day, not for each food or recipe.

### GOLDEN RICE

- 1 cup basmati or other long-grain rice (6 to 8 ounces)
- 1 cup low-sodium chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 bay leaf
- ¼ teaspoon salt (optional)
- ¼ teaspoon ground turmeric or
- ½ teaspoon saffron
- 2 tablespoons slivered almonds, dry roasted

Rinse rice in several changes of water before cooking.

In a 2-quart saucepan over medium-high heat, bring broth and water to a boil.

Stir in rice, cinnamon stick, bay leaf, and salt. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 20 minutes.

Add turmeric and stir lightly with a fork. Continue to cook, covered, over low heat for 10 minutes, or until rice is tender and liquid is absorbed.

Remove cinnamon stick and bay leaf. Sprinkle with almonds just before serving.

Serves 6.

### Nutrient Analysis Per Serving

144 kcal Calories	4 gm Protein
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# Church News

## Tag And Rummage Sale At St. John's Church...



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH MEMBERS (above and below) Rae Bean, Gloria Colby, Betsy Ciempa, Monique Coman, Terry Longo, and Marty Jerry sold a variety of baked goods at the tag and rummage sale. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ALICE BUELL, CAROL PIGNATARE, Barbara Pfau, and Lorraine Maniscalchi with some of the clothing that was for sale at the tag and rummage sale held on Saturday, April 25th, at St. John's Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Weekly Calendar Of Events At Agawam Congregational Church

The "Faith in Action" series for the ninth grade Church School class continues each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

They will hear from many different speakers about how their faith helps them in their daily lives.

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This Sunday, May 10th, is the Fifth Sunday of Easter, and the Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be: "All Things New," taken from Text: Revelation 21:1-6. His Children's Message will be: "What's New?"

Church School resumes for all ages on this date. The Children's Choir will rehearse following the Worship Service at 11:30 a.m. under the direction of Ellen Cogen, Minister of Music.

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The Adult Education Class is now on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m., following the Midweek Worship beginning Wednesday, May 6th, under the leadership of Rev. Curt D. Fuller.

Childcare will be provided each week from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. to encourage families to attend.

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The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is pasta/rice.

Items collected will be donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

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The Catering Committee is having a Ham & Bean Dinner on Saturday, May 16th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu will include baked ham & raisin sauce, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, dessert, and beverages.

The cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children. Mark your calendars today!

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A Campership Auction will be held on Sunday, May 17th, following the Worship Service in Bryan Hall during Coffee Hour. Any donated items or services are being received by Dan Pender, Christian Ed/Youth Director, or call the Church Office, 786-7111.

This fundraiser is to assist youth attending Summer Camps.

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The Eighth Annual Charlie McCobb Memorial Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 13th. The shotgun start is at 1:00 p.m., and there will be several hole-in-one prizes — including a \$10,000 hole-in-one!

The player fee is \$35 (which includes green fee, cart, and meal). Pre-register by June 8th and save \$10 (the fee will be only \$25).

Hole sponsors (\$50) and patrons (\$10) are needed, and business ads cost \$25. All golfers are welcome — men, women, seniors, and juniors.

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### "What The World Needs Now, Is Love, Sweet Love"...

*"What the world needs now, is love, sweet love; that's the only thing, that there's much too little of!"*

This little song comes from the 1960's and was a great hit at the time. It has remained so popular that companies like Coca-Cola have incorporated it into ad campaigns. Its message is just as timely today as when it was first written.

Whether we consider our own wealthy society, or the poorest places on earth, the one element there is not enough of is love. Love is one of life's most wonderful luxuries, but it is also one of life's greatest necessities. From the moment we are born, we need to be loved. Babies who are held and otherwise experience love thrive better than babies who don't.

God knows how important love is. Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

If we want to be God's people, the most important thing for us to do is to love the people whom God loves. Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." God is not enamored with the things of this world; God is in love with the people of this world.

One might respond, "But how can I possibly love so and so? He or she is a terrible person. Surely God knows that!" We have been conditioned to think of love as an emotion, whereas God describes love as an action.

There are two words for "love" in the Bible. One is "Philo," which describes feelings. The other is "Agape" (pronounced Ah-Ga-Pay), which describes action.

Every time the Bible commands us to love somebody, the word is always Agape, or action. One easy way to remember these distinctions is that "Ph" sounds like "F," for feelings. Agape starts with the letter "A," as does "action."

It is possible, by God's grace, to actually love all people. We have been duped into thinking we must act on our feelings, which simply is not true. You don't even have to believe the Bible to know this is so.

If each of us always acted on our feelings, we'd all be in jail by now! All of us feel wrong or inappropriate feelings from time to time, but society requires us not to act on those feelings. Experience also tells us that there can be horrible results from acting solely according to our feelings.

Spouses who say terrible things to each other, or treat each other badly, can destroy not only their lives but their children's as well, as acted-upon feelings cause an alarmingly high divorce rate. It doesn't have to be; we can do better; God can give us the grace we need to love one another.

Jesus' commandment to love one another is strikingly similar to the commandments in the Old Testament. God says we are to treat others according to the Golden Rule, including but not limited to: take care of your parents in their old age, don't steal, don't defraud others, don't withhold justice. God even requires generosity; farmers were to leave enough food at harvest time for poor people.

Jesus' commandment to love one another is not conditioned "if you feel like it." The commandment is specifically for when we don't feel like it! We don't need a commandment to do what comes naturally.

*"What the world needs now, is love, sweet love." God can give us the grace we need to love one another.*

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## Calendar Of Events & Activities At Feeding Hills Congregational Church

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for May 10th, the fifth Sunday of Easter, are Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6, and John 13:31-35.

The Lector will be Jackie Gilmartin. Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is, "Home Is Where the Heart Is."

Children are invited to attend worship with their parents, leaving at the appropriate time for Sunday School. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

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The Board of Christian Education will sponsor a Tag Sale/Car Wash/Bake Sale here at the church on Saturday, May 16th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This event was postponed from an earlier date due to inclement weather.

Now you have a second chance to stop by and do some shopping while your car is being pampered by our Sunday School members. You can even pamper yourself with a special treat from the baked goods table!

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Don't forget! This Sunday, May 10th, we will have our monthly collection for the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry. Bags of groceries and articles of clean, usable clothing are needed. Please bring your items to the Open Pantry table in the sanctuary.

If you are unable to donate a bag of groceries, envelopes will be available in the sanctuary on the Open Pantry collection table for cash donations. Also, volunteers are needed to make desserts for the Open Pantry next Wednesday, May 13th.

If you are able to make a dessert (brownies, sheet cake, cookies, etc.), please have your con-

tribution to the church kitchen by 12:00 noon on that Wednesday. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Griswold Hall.

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Please note that Elaine will not be in the church office on Thursday, May 14th. Also, the office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 25th.

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The Board of Christian Education will sponsor movie night this week on Friday, May 8th, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a parent discussion that evening also.

Bring your mom as a treat for Mother's Day!

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Operation Friendship will serve a dinner of roast beef at the church on Saturday, May 9th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Stop by and enjoy a delicious meal.

Operation Friendship is a non-profit youth cultural exchange program that encourages international friendship and understanding among youth and adults.

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On the calendar:

Thursday, May 7th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Friday, May 8th: 7:00 p.m., CE Movie Night/Parent Discussion.

Saturday, May 9th: 5:00 p.m., OF Dinner.

Sunday, May 10th: 10:00 a.m., Open Pantry Sunday.

Monday, May 11th: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts.

Tuesday, May 12th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Stewardship/Missions.

Wednesday, May 13th: 12:00 noon, Desserts needed for Open Pantry; 7:00 p.m., Choir; 7:30 p.m., Cub Scout Committee.

Thursday, May 14th: Elaine away; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

## Valley Community Church Announces Scholarship Winners

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Rev. Frank E. Dunn Memorial Scholarship.

Valley Community Church member Erik Blackman, son of Ken and DeeGee Blackman, Christine LaValley, daughter of Edward and Kimberly LaValley, both of Feeding Hills, will graduate from Agawam High School in June. The third recipient, Corey Lagunowich, son of Alexander and Diane Lagunowich of Hampden, is a senior at Minnechaug Regional High School.

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**Church News - continued...****Mother's Day Events  
At First Baptist**

"Eye On The Prize" will be the subject of Pastor Richard Barnes' message this Sunday morning, May 10th, at the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the First Baptist Church.

The scripture lesson will be Revelation 7: 9-17. Lisa McLaughlin will lead the responsive reading. Greeters for the morning will be Bernice Nowill, Aletha Hodge, and Marilyn & Harold Kane.

Coffee and conversation will follow worship in Davis Hall, with classes for all ages available until 11:45 a.m. Nursery care is provided.

The Caring Connection will again sponsor a flower sale honoring all mothers. Carnations will be sold during the social hour.

To order ahead, call Sharon at (860) 668-0450, or Lorie at 786-8140.

There will be a concert by "Jars of Clay" at the Paramount Theatre in Springfield at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 10th.

Some of our youth, their friends, and leaders will be attending this concert of contemporary Christian music.

The Women's Fellowship will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, May 12th, in Davis Hall. The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m.

Committees and circles are asked to bring annual reports.

On our calendar this week:

**Monday, May 11th:** 7:30 p.m., Word Search Bible Study.

**Tuesday, May 12th:** 10:30 a.m., Searchlighters meet for annual luncheon; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:00 p.m., Divorce Recovery Session; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:30 p.m., Women's Fellowship Annual Meeting.

**Wednesday, May 13th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid-Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:30 p.m., Church Committee - Lockhart Parlor.

**Thursday, May 14th:** 10:00 a.m., Bell Ringers Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal.

**Rummage Sale Slated  
At Mittineague United  
Methodist Church**

There will be a RUMMAGE SALE on Saturday, May 16th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Mittineague United Methodist Church, 800 Amostown Road, West Springfield.

Items being sold include clothing, linens, household items, furniture, jewelry, books, puzzles, and miscellaneous goodies. Come early in the day for best selection and best bargains.

Great prices, great people, great fun, but NO EARLY BIRDS! This sale is being held to raise funds for ongoing operating expenses of the church.

**Valley Community Church Announces  
Upcoming Dates To Remember**

The joy of worshipping God continues at Valley Community Church. This Sunday, Pastor Steve Dennehy will take his message from the gospel of John 13:31-35.

Come and learn just to what extent Jesus meant when he said "to love one another just as I have loved you." Come and discover if you do truly love one another to that extent. Come and grow in Christian love. Worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

The children will leave the sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for Children's Church in Dunn Hall. They, too, will learn the importance of God's love, designed in a way they can understand and apply.

Everyone is welcome to join in for Coffee and Fellowship in Dunn Hall immediately following the service. Sunday School begins at 11:00 for grades one through adult. Adults will be continuing their study of the book of Daniel. Nursery care is available throughout the morning for infants and toddlers.

On Monday, May 11th, the Board of Administration and the Board of Missions will be holding

their monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members from both boards are encouraged to attend.

The Pastoral Search Committee will meet on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Margie Secora.

Both the Junior Choir and the Senior Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesday. The Junior Choir will lift their voices in joyful praise at 6:15 p.m. and the Senior Choir will rehearse in joyous acclamation at 7:00 p.m.

Dunn Hall will be filled with the gleeful sounds of Cub Scout Troop 78, Den 3 on Thursday evening beginning at 6:15 p.m.

The church's monthly Chicken Supper will be held on Saturday, May 9th. Look for additional information within this paper.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street.

**Chicken Supper To Be  
Held On May 9th At  
Valley Comm. Church**

Members of the Supper Committee at Valley Community Church are excited to hear regular customers encouraging their friends and acquaintances to attend the church's monthly chicken suppers.

Hearty men are raving about the portions of food that are served. And the "senior" clientele are happy to be able to wrap their "leftovers" to bring home. And with those words ringing in their ears, the supper crew is ready to start serving again this month.

This month's Chicken Supper will be held on Saturday, May 9th. The menu will consist of one-half baked chicken, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, two hot vegetables, tossed salad, cranberry sauce, olives, pickles, rolls with butter, and a beverage.

Then comes the difficult decision of choosing from a variety of mouth-watering, delectable desserts. Continuous servings are available from 5:00-6:30 p.m. The cost is only \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

Reservations are strongly suggested by calling Jeff at 789-2552 or Shirley at 786-2576. Walk-ins are also welcome.

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**Ham & Bean Dinner  
On Sat., May 16th,  
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The Agawam Congregational Church will be holding a Ham & Bean Dinner on Saturday, May 16th at 5:30 p.m.

The dinner includes baked ham and raisin sauce, baked beans, potato salad, cornbread, dessert, and beverages. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

The dinner will be held at the church located at 745 Main Street. Reservations are recommended; a few walk-ins will be accepted. Reservations can be made by calling the office at 786-7111 or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908 before noon on Friday, May 15th.

To receive notice of all our dinners by mail, call (413) 786-2908 and leave your name, address, and phone number.

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## Spotlight On Business

### Legal Memo

by

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### PROTECT YOUR HOME— The Massachusetts Homestead Act

Massachusetts law provides that:

The real property or manufactured home of persons 62 years of age or older, regardless of marital status, or of a disabled person, as herein defined, shall be protected against attachment, seizure or execution or judgment to the extent of \$200,000; provided, however, that such person has filed an elderly or disabled person's declaration of homestead protection; and, provided further, that such person occupies or intends to occupy such real property or manufactured home as his principal residence.

Further the law provides:

An estate of homestead to the extent of \$100,000 in the land and buildings may be acquired by an owner or owners of a home or one or all who rightfully possess the premise by lease or otherwise and who occupy or intend to occupy said home as a principal residence. Said estate shall be exempt from the laws of conveyance, descent, devise, attachment, levy on execution and sale of payment of debts or legacies except in the following cases:

- (1) sale for taxes;
- (2) for a debt contracted prior to the acquisition of said estate of homestead;
- (3) for a debt contracted for the purchase of said home;
- (4) upon an execution issued from the probate court to enforce its judgment that a spouse pay a certain amount weekly or otherwise for the support of a spouse or minor children;
- (5) where buildings on land not owned by the owner of a homestead estate are attached, levied upon or sold for the ground rent of the lot whereon they stand;
- (6) upon the execution issued from a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce its judgment based upon fraud, mistake, duress, undue influence or lack of capacity.

For the purposes of this chapter, an owner of a home shall include a sole owner, joint tenant, tenant by the entirety or tenant in common; provided, that only one owner may acquire an estate of homestead in any such home for the benefit of his family; and provided further, that an estate of homestead may be acquired on only one principal residence for the benefit of a family.

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## New Ramp At Agawam Public Market



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by Jack Devine.

## The PIONEER GROUP To Sponsor A Free Public Service Workshop On May 9th

The offices of *The PIONEER GROUP* is sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home ... What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, May 9th, between the hours of 10:00 and 11:45 a.m. at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up buyers; understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees; understanding seller contributions; the difference between a bank and a mortgage company, and which one offers the better value; and much more.

The information contained in this seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop will include Donald Thompson, a Principal of *The PIONEER GROUP*, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested (their last seminar was filled to capacity). For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

## E.B.'s Express Holds Westfield Grand Opening



ED BORGATTI, JR., owner and operator of E.B.'s Restaurant, is pictured with E.B.'s Express franchise owners Sean Wandrei and Adam Schmaelzle at the April 24th grand opening. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SOME OF THE STAFF FOR THE NEW E.B.'s Express in Westfield include, from left -Chris Rouvellat, Brian Freeman, Steve Keane, Adam Schmaelzle, Sean Wandrei, Justin Baker, and Tony Kubik. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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To show your home at its best, cut the grass, trim all hedges and shrubs, and plant a few extra flowers for color. Clean or paint the front door, garage door, window trim, and shutters.

Check the gutters and the roof. Clean out the garage and make sure your entry light and doorbell work.

As you move inside your home, prepare it so it's as uncluttered, spacious, and neutral as possible. A fresh coat of paint and clean windows and drapes will work wonders.

Moving out excess furniture and items from closets adds spaciousness. Fixing loose door-knobs, leaky faucets, and sticking doors will give your home a cared-for feel.

For more information on preparing your home to sell, call Pam Savioli at (413) 748-7565.

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CUTTING THE RIBBON at the new E.B.'s Express franchise located at 42 Main Street, Westfield. E.B.'s Express held its grand opening on April 24th. Helping with the opening were State Representatives Daniel Keenan and Cele Hahn, State Senator Michael Knapik, Agawam Town Council President Donald M. Rheault, and E.B.'s Restaurant owners and operators Edward Borgatti, Sr., and Edward Borgatti, Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**Bringing You Up To Date...**

My name is Raymond Rose. I am the Principal of **THE PIONEER GROUP**, a real estate and financial services firm that services the residents of Western Massachusetts.

Over the months (and hopefully years) ahead, I will be writing a weekly column to share with you some of my areas of expertise. The information contained in my column will always be timely, informative, and enjoyable to read; in fact, many of you may remember me writing for this newspaper during the late 1980's and early 1990's.

Although my purpose in writing this week's column was simply to introduce myself to the readers of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, let me take a moment and bring my many friends up to date as to what I, along with my two sons, have been doing over the last several years.

My oldest son, Michael, who was class valedictorian in the Agawam School System several years ago, is majoring in physics and art at Northeastern University. Life is treating him exceptionally well, and for those of you who may want to say hello to him, his e-mail address is [mrose@lynx.neu.edu](mailto:mrose@lynx.neu.edu). I'm sure he would love to hear from his old friends and teachers.

My youngest son, Jeffrey, is the Client Services Manager at **THE PIONEER GROUP**. He oversees the technology support group for approximately 65 people that are in the process of purchasing a home. He, too, is doing extremely well.

As for myself, many of you may remember me as a Mortgage Banker for Webster Bank, as well as being a Financial Consultant. Several years back, I started a real estate firm named **THE PIONEER GROUP**, and what started off as a small real estate company operating out of my home has grown to be the largest real estate firm throughout Western and Central Massachusetts that services home buyers exclusively.

Last year, my firm represented more home buyers and purchased more homes than any other real estate office in Massachusetts.

My goal is to share with you many of the techniques that I have used to help develop such a successful organization. Please do not misunderstand me — my column won't just be about business and financial topics.

In fact, I will share with you some of my concepts on time management, family life, estate planning, weekend getaways, study techniques for the kids, and a wide variety of areas that may interest you. My goal is to have some fun while, at the same time, share my ideas in helping you lead a happier and simpler life.

I look forward to visiting with you each week and I welcome your comments/ideas. I can be reached during my normal business hours at 731-6800; my voicemail is 846-0961; my fax number is 731-6881; or e-mail me at [rayrose-jr@aol.com](mailto:rayrose-jr@aol.com).

My thanks go to Ric Sardella and his fine staff for giving me the opportunity to share my ideas with the wonderful people of Agawam.

Thanks again. I will talk to you next week!

**Check our classified ads in each edition — AAN!!!**

## Health Teacher Opens Health Food Store In West Springfield

Former substitute teacher and assistant baseball coach Jim Bowler recently opened **Ultimate Health and Fitness Products**. The store is located at 14 Chestnut Street, on the corner of Chestnut and Westfield Street (Route 20), in West Springfield.

The store will carry a variety of nutrition products, such as creatine, protein, and carbohydrate drinks, vitamins, minerals, herbs, etc. They are the same products sold by the top national chains, with the only difference being they are inexpensively priced at Ultimate Health and Fitness Products. Products from companies like EAS, Twin Lab, Pro Lab, Sport Pharma, Next Nutrition, and Nature's Herbs will be sold.

An athlete and advocate of natural body building, Bowler practices what he preaches. A champion body builder and power lifter, he has numerous titles in both sports, including the Mr. New England crown and runner-up in the Collegiate Nationals.

Even though Bowler teaches and runs his business in West Springfield, he has very close ties with Agawam.

"It was a pleasure working with the Agawam High School Physical Education Department. Agawam has a fantastic school system, wonderful educators, and a super coaching staff," stated Bowler. "In return, I hope I can help the citizens of Agawam in meeting their nutritional needs. Whatever your goals are, it doesn't matter if you're trying to lose some weight or if you're trying to build some muscle, we have supplements to meet all your needs."

Store hours at Ultimate Health and Fitness Products are Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For further information, call 781-5502.

## No Laughing Means Not Much Living Says Dr. Of Helping Stress

Dr. Steve Sobel, nationally recognized speaker and author and founder of The New England Institute For Stress Management of Longmeadow is presenting the seminar, "IF YOU AREN'T LAUGHING, YOU ARE PROBABLY NOT LIVING! A UNIQUE SEMINAR DESIGNED TO REDUCE TERMINAL SERIOUSNESS, DECREASE STRESS and UPLIFT YOUR LIFE," on Tuesday evening, May 12th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Best Western Colonial Inn Hotel in East Windsor, Connecticut.

Cost is only \$10 per person, with group rates available. Advance registration is needed by calling 1-800-874-7189 for full details.

**JACK DEVINE needs at least 48 hours notice to cover your event. Call Jack at 789-0053. Thanks.**



**JIM BOWLER**, owner and operator of the new health food store in West Springfield, is congratulated by State Rep. Daniel Keenan at the May 1st grand opening. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# ATTENTION: HEALTHY HABITS MEMBERS!!!

Healthy Habits in Agawam has closed its doors. However, Fitness First Family Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills is offering a **FREE trial membership** during the month of May to all Healthy Habits members! Call or stop by Fitness First for more details on how you can continue your fitness program during the month of May at no obligation. Fitness First offers you a friendly family style atmosphere. While it is unfortunate that you have lost out on your own club membership, please be assured that the professional staff will do everything possible to make your stay a pleasant one! We welcome you to try Fitness First, just up the road from Healthy Habits. If you enjoy your stay, we will be offering you a special opportunity to continue your membership at Fitness First.

Here are some of the following programs and facilities that Fitness First has to offer:

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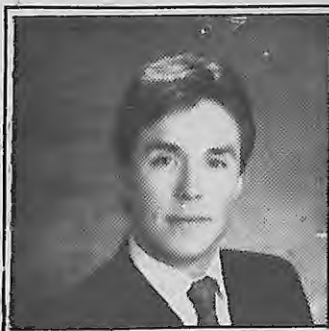
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### Why Has Chiropractic Become So Popular???

Why has chiropractic become so popular? What is it about this healing art, science, and philosophy that in less than 100 years, has made it the most widely used natural health profession in the world?

Chiropractic continues to grow because it is effective, safe, and gentle, and because it *respects the body's natural healing and recuperative power*. As a drug-free, surgery-free alternative, it offers individuals a real choice in health care.

Our bodies possess an inborn intelligence, a wisdom that controls and coordinates all body function and allows good health. Let's examine health and this "wisdom of the body" concept further.

Let me ask you — Are you healthy? What is health? Is health merely feeling good? Is someone who "feels good" one day and is stricken with a heart attack, suffers a stroke, or is diagnosed with cancer the next, really healthy while they're feeling good? Of course not!

Health is much more than the absence of symptoms. Diseases occur when there is a lack of health; that is, a lack of organization and coordination of function (physiology).

So many forms of stress threaten us daily: the onslaught of the elements; the bacteria, virus, pollen, mold, and fungi in the air; cancer cells, with their deranged genetic instructions; pollution and chemicals; cuts, bumps, and bruises; school, work, marriage, babies, bills, a mortgage — and we must adapt to them all! For if we did not...

Science has demonstrated that the responsibility of the brain and nerve system is to control and coordinate the function of all cells, tissues, and systems in the body and allow you to adapt to the hostile environment you live in.

This brain, spinal cord, and the billions of fibers that emerge from it allow you to express health. It reaches and touches every nook and cranny of your body, and through an inborn intelligence uses its vast communication system to control, coordinate, and organize all body parts and functions to create a living, adapting healthy being.

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## New Mothers' Support Group At Mercy's Family Life Center

New mothers are invited to share their questions and concerns at a New Mothers' Support Group, sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The next sessions will take place May 13th and 27th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Family Life Center lounge.

Meetings are open to mothers with babies up to one year-old, and offer the opportunity to talk with professionals from the Family Life Center's Parenting Education Department and share experiences and information with other new mothers.

Topics will include newborn care, infant feeding, postpartum concerns, returning to work, and parenting issues. Babies and partners are welcome to attend.

For more information and to register, call the Family Life Center, (413) 748-7295.

## Support Groups, Courses, And Programs At Noble

### SUPPORT GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Sunday evenings, 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield.

Free of charge. All are welcome.

**Better Breathers:** Monday, May 11th, 2:00 p.m. In the Cardio Pulmonary Classroom (3rd Floor) at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals with pulmonary difficulties and their support persons.

**Stroke Support Group:** Wednesdays, May 13th and May 27th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. In the Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room at Noble Hospital.

Free of charge and open to individuals recovering from a stroke and their support persons.

The topics will be "Speech and swallowing difficulties after a stroke," facilitated by Barbara Boulanger, MSW, LICSW (May 13th), and "Post-stroke depression," also facilitated by Barbara Boulanger (May 27th).

**Diabetes Support Group:** Tuesday, May 26th, 1:00 p.m. In Conference Room A.

Free of charge and open to all suffering from diabetes and their support persons.

Philip Spigarelli, R.Ph., Director of the Pharmacy at Noble Hospital, will speak to the group about "Diabetes and your medication."

### COURSES/PROGRAMS:

**Cosmetic/Plastic Surgery:** Tuesday, May 19th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. At Noble Hospital.

Gary E. Russolillo, M.D., will present a lecture about Body Contouring Surgeries, Lip Enhancements, Facial Surgeries and Skin Care Procedures. Also included will be a live chemical peel demonstration.

The presentation will be followed by a complimentary personal consultation. Pre-registration is required. For free registration, call Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

**Free Athletic Injury Clinic:** 1988 Spring Schedule - May 21st and June 4th. At Noble Hospital's Sports & Rehabilitation Center, 76 Main Street, Westfield.

This clinic is held on the first, third, and fifth Thursdays of every month from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Athletic injuries are evaluated by a certified athletic trainer and, based upon the evaluation, remedial exercises or physician referral may be recommended.

For an appointment, call 562-3522.

**CPR Course:** Wednesdays, May 20th and May 27th (two-part course), 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. In the Education Department/Ground Floor at Noble Hospital.

This course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost of the course is \$40.

To register or obtain more information, call the Noble Hospital Education Department at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5914.

**Bicycle Safety Rodeo:** Saturday, May 9th, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At Noble Hospital's West Silver Street Parking Lot. Sponsored by Noble Hospital, Westfield Police Department, Community Police Unit, Westfield Kiwanis Club.

Featuring: Free Bicycle Raffle, Obstacle Course, Bicycle Inspections, Certificate of Completion, BMX Demonstrations, Police and Fire Department EMT Bicycle Patrols, and free hot dog and drink for all participants.

Registration is free and open to children 16 and under. For more information, call 562-4597 or Noble Hospital's Health Beat at (413) 568-2328.

## Medicare Seminar Slated For May 12th At American Legion

If you currently receive or are entitled to Medicare, find out more about First Seniority, a Medicare-approved HMO from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Come to a free seminar held at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield every Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon from May through July, or at the American Legion in Agawam on May 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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## Educational Program For Newly Diagnosed Diabetics At Mercy

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted in May at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

The free series will take place May 11th-14th, between the hours of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital, 299 Carew Street, Springfield.

Sessions will provide an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, and leave your name and telephone number.

## Mobile Hearing Center At Agawam Senior Ctr. On May 18th

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, May 18th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

For a reservation, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

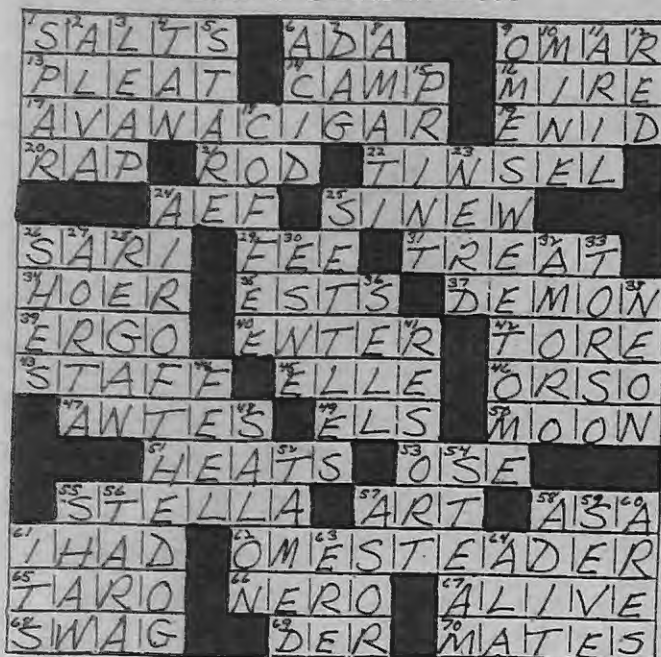
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# Arts

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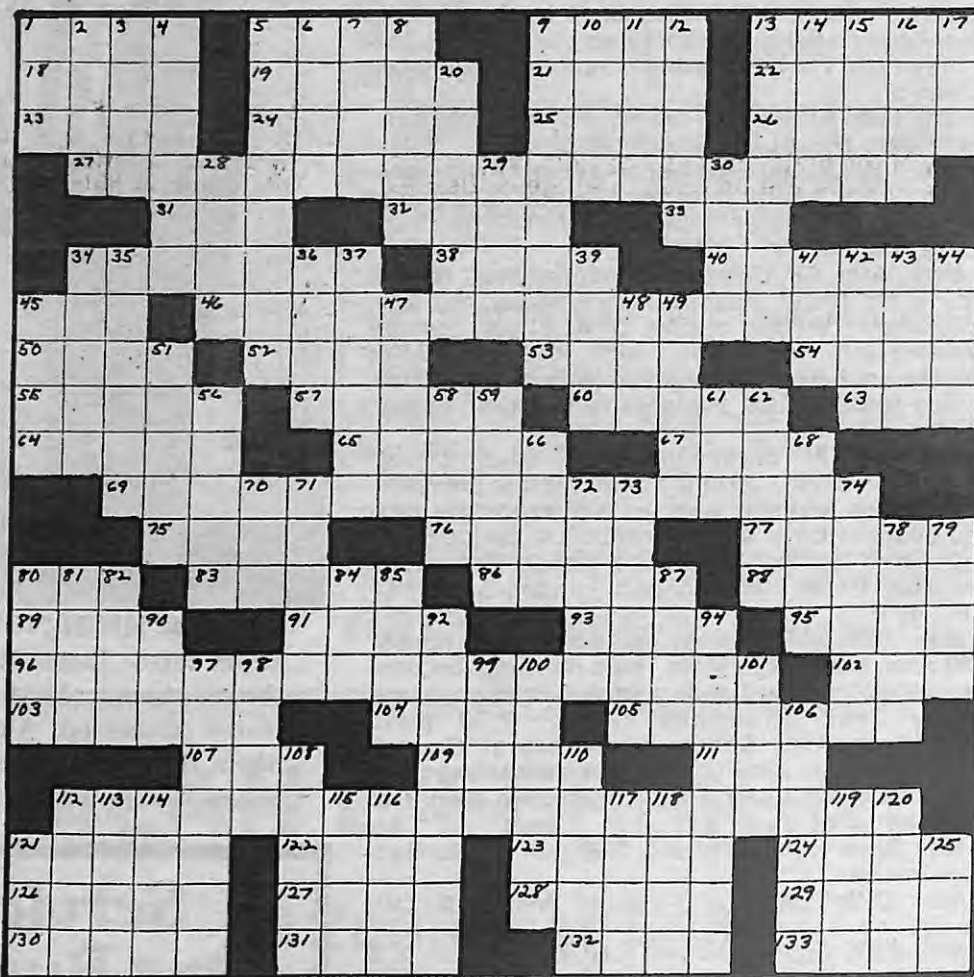
## Local Youth Theatre Staging "The Fantastics"



DANA RING, STEVE SANDS, JR. (of Agawam), SCOTT BELISLE (of Agawam), and MARCY SECORA in STAGE III's production of "The Fantastics" running May 8th and 9th at 7:30 p.m., and May 10th at 2:00 p.m., at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, on the grounds of Valley Community Church. Seating is cabaret style. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$5 for senior citizens and for children 12 and under. For tickets, call 789-2026.

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## Education

### Jr. Women Sponsor Non-Users-Club Basketball Contest

On Monday, April 27th, the Agawam Junior Women's Club sponsored the sixth annual Agawam Junior High School Non-Users Club three-point and free throw shooting contest in the Junior High gym.

Peer Leaders from the High School who helped run the event were Patty Zerra, Michelle Ingalls, Jim Borowiec, Paul LaBarre, Laura Tenerowicz, and Sara Stevenson.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club provided trophies and prizes for this contest.

The trophy-winning Non-Users Club members were Aimee Beaudette (girls' free throw champion); Vicky Taylor (runner-up); Jenna Shea (girls' three-point champion); Aimee Beaudette (runner-up); Chris Martin (boys' free throw champion); Mario Maloni (runner-up); Mike DeFillippi (boys' three-point champion); and Mario Maloni (runner-up).

### Agawam High School May Calendar Of Events

**May 7th:** Celebration of 25-plus years of dedicated teaching in Agawam, 5:30 p.m. Social Hour, 6:30 p.m., Dinner, Chez Josef

**May 7th-8th:** Flower sale for child abuse prevention sponsored by AHS Child Development classes (Family, Consumer and Health Sciences Department)

**May 8th:** Teacher Appreciation Breakfast. Food prepared by UNICO, assisted by AHS Future Teachers' Club, 6:30-8:00 a.m. School cafeteria; Renaissance Gold and Gold Plus card distribution

**May 12th:** Third Hepatitis B vaccine to be given to seniors

**May 13th:** AP English exams; library, 11:00 a.m.; Math Club pizza party after school

**May 14th:** Substance abuse prevention presentation. AHS health classes (Family, Consumer and Health Sciences Department); AP Physics examination; library, 11:00 a.m.

**May 15th:** AP Calculus examinations; library, 7:30 a.m.; Great East Music Festival, all day, auditorium; Winter sports GPA Super Sundae Celebration for team with highest GPA; Renaissance senior thank-you letters distributed

**May 18th:** AP U.S. History examination; library, 11:00 a.m.

**May 19th:** AP European History examinations; library, 11:00 a.m.; Juvenile court justice presentation on new juvenile laws pertaining to date rape and possession of alcohol/narcotics; period 6 & 7, sponsored by the Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Band Time Concert (grades 5-12), 7:00 p.m., gym

**May 20th:** AP Biology examinations; library, 7:30 a.m.; Math Club/Math Team meeting (for non-seniors only); Peer Leaders to Junior High

**May 21st:** Broadway Revue, 7:30 p.m., auditorium; AHS School Improvement Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Renaissance senior exam exemptions distributed; Peer Leadership dinner to honor seniors

**May 22nd:** Band Banquet, 6:00 p.m., Oaks Banquet House

**May 25th:** Band at Agawam Memorial Day parade

**May 26th:** FOR SENIORS ONLY: Period 1, 2, 3 FINAL EXAMS

**May 27th:** FOR SENIORS ONLY: Period 4 & 5 FINAL EXAMS; Peer Leadership to Junior High

**May 28th:** FOR SENIORS ONLY: Period 6 & 7 FINAL EXAMS

**May 29th:** Great East Music Festival, all day, auditorium; FOR SENIORS ONLY: FINAL EXAM MAKE-UPS as needed.

### Middle School PTO To Meet On May 11th; Board To Be Elected

The Agawam Middle School PTO will hold a meeting on Monday, May 11th in the school cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

A vote will take place at this meeting to appoint a new PTO board for the 1998-1999 school year. All nomination papers should be returned to the school by Friday, May 8th.

All present parents and incoming fifth-grade parents are welcome to attend.



**ADVISORS AND PEER LEADERS** for the Agawam Junior High School Non-Users Club include, from left - Pam Skroback, faculty advisor; Laura Tenerowicz, Sara Stevenson, Patty Zerra, Michele Ingalls, Jim Borowiec, and Paul LaBarre, peer leaders; and Gerald O'Malley, faculty advisor. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**JUNIOR HIGH NON-USERS CLUB** three-point and free throw shooting contest winners. From left - James Ryan, advisor; Mike DeFillippi, three-point champ; Chris Martin, free throw champ; Mario Maloni, runner-up, three-point and free throw; Vicky Taylor, free throw runner-up; Aimee Beaudette, free throw champ and three-point runner-up; and Jenna Shea, three-point champ. The contest was sponsored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club.

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## St. John's Pack 77 Holds Annual Pinewood Derby



ST. JOHN'S PACK 77 held its Annual Pinewood Derby recently. The top three Tiger finishers were Kristopher Wilson (third), Steve Fiedler (1st), and John Doherty (second). All three went to the district competition with Kristopher and Steve each tying for fifth, while Josh placed in the top 20. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Cub Scouts in Pack 77 who won awards were Joshua Blood, first; Scott Thomas, second; and David Kreps, third. Joshua went on to win fifth place at the district competition, while David placed in the top 20.

### 3 From AHS Attend Evaluation Seminar

Bernadette Conte, Dean of Students of Agawam High School, English teacher Judith Lech, and mathematics teacher Lorraine Alves attended an Evaluation Seminar on May 5th at Walpole High School.

Sponsored by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, the program was offered for principals and self-study steering committee members of schools scheduled to be accredited this year.

The seminar provided information to help schools finalize their plans for the evaluation visit and to learn more about the evaluation report and its consideration by the Commission on Public Secondary Schools. Participants shared their reactions to the self-study process with members of the Commission staff.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges, founded in 1885, is the oldest accrediting agency in the country and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a reliable agency to award accreditation to New England schools.

The Association is a voluntary accrediting agency of over 1,600 public and independent schools, colleges and universities, and vocational, technical, and career institutions. Of these, approximately 719 public middle level and high schools have been accredited through the Association's Commission on Public Secondary Schools.

### Savings Program For Colleges, Universities Continues To May 30

State Representative Daniel F. Keenan announced the beginning of the 1998 enrollment period for the U.Plan, the nationally-acclaimed state-sponsored, prepaid tuition savings program that enables families to lock in future tuition costs at today's rates at over 80 participating colleges and universities in Massachusetts.

"The U.Plan provides a great opportunity to make higher education affordable through this risk-free, state-sponsored college savings program," said Keenan.

During the U.Plan enrollment period, April 16, 1998 through May 30, 1998, investors can purchase U.Plan bonds through a lump sum investment (\$300 minimum) and/or establish a monthly installment savings plan (\$25/month minimum) for the purchase of U.Plan bonds for the following year.

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The deadline for enrolling in the U.Plan is May 30th. To enroll, visit any Fleet Bank branch or call 1-800-449-6332 (MEFA).

### Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, May 11th:** Cheese pizza, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled pears in syrup, milk.

**Tuesday, May 12th:** Oven-baked chicken nuggets, parsley rice, seasoned peas and carrots, bread and butter, cherry crisp, milk.

**Wednesday, May 13th:** Rotini with meat sauce, seasoned broccoli cuts, Italian bread and butter, chilled pineapple tidbits or chocolate brownie, milk.

**Thursday, May 14th:** Ham/bologna/cheese sandwich in roll with mayonnaise, oven French fries with catsup, apple crisp, milk.

**Friday, May 15th:** Taco boat with cheese topping, niblet corn, rosy applesauce, mild taco sauce, ice cream, milk.

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DANIEL VARGAS

## Daniel Vargas Inducted Into Language Honor Society At AIC

Agawam resident Daniel Vargas, a junior sociology major and the son of Nilda and Nelson Rosado, was among five American International College students to be inducted into Eta Omega, AIC's chapter of the National Foreign Language Society, Alpha Mu Gamma.

The ceremony was held Thursday, April 23rd in the Faculty Dining Room at AIC.

Students are required to maintain an A- average in a foreign language and a B average overall in order to qualify for the honor society.

"The inductees have been very dedicated through the years," said Marquela I. Arenas, Ph.D., chairwoman of the AIC Modern Language Department and regional vice president of Alpha Mu Gamma.

"They are beginning to be proficient in the languages and will do extremely well if they continue."

## Young Adult Poster Program At Agawam Public Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills students from the Middle and Junior High Schools are invited to the Agawam Public Library on Monday, May 18th, to make posters for the Summer Reading Program.

The posters will be displayed in the library and around town. We will supply all the materials plus refreshments.

Please call 786-1550 or visit the library for further information.

### CORRECTION:

In last week's edition of *The AAN*, a photo of Agawam's D.A.R.E. students was incorrectly identified as a graduation ceremony. Instead, it should have read that the students were celebrating "National D.A.R.E. Day."



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## Gina Milillo Inducted Into Spanish Honor Society At Quinnipiac

Four current Quinnipiac College students and one alumna, Gina Milillo of Feeding Hills, a 1997 graduate who majored in Spanish, were recently inducted into the college's new Sigma Delta Pi, National Collegiate Spanish Honor Society.

Sigma Delta Pi is the only national honor society devoted exclusively to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities. The largest foreign language honor society in existence, Sigma Delta Pi is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies, an accrediting body which demands the maintenance of the highest standards.

Sigma Delta Pi honors those students who seek and attain excellence in the study of Spanish and of the literature and culture of Spanish-speaking people. To be inducted into the honor society, a student must have completed six credits of advanced Spanish language courses in addition to at least three semester hours of a course in Hispanic literature or Hispanic culture at the 300 level; have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all Spanish courses taken; rank in the upper 35 percent of his or her class; and be at least a second semester sophomore at the time of induction.

Quinnipiac College is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution located in Hamden, Connecticut. The college has approximately 230 full-time faculty and enrolls 3,500 full-time undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students in its Schools of Business, Health Sciences, Law and Liberal Arts. Quinnipiac College is rated No. 11 among all northern regional universities in *U.S. News and World Report's* 1998 edition of *America's Best Colleges*. For more information, please call 203-281-8652.

## John Mustain Passes Engineering Exam At STCC

For the eighth year in a row, 100 percent of the Civil Engineering Technology students at Springfield Technical Community College in the reinforced concrete class have successfully passed the state licensing exam for the Massachusetts Class A Concrete Field Technician's license according to STCC President Andrew M. Scibelli.

Civil Engineering Technology department chair W. Lee Tuthill explained that the all-day written and practical test is required "for anyone dealing with concrete in the construction of large commercial facilities, and involves demonstrated knowledge of testing procedures as specified by the American Concrete Institute and the American Society of Testing Materials."

Students passing the licensing exam this year included John Mustain of Agawam.

Tuthill explained that obtaining this license "has in several instances led directly to employment with a major construction company or materials testing laboratory upon graduation." He commended Professor Bruce Pennino for the "excellent track record of our students as measured against students and professionals from all over the state."

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## AHS Band Performs At Music Festival In Atlanta, Georgia

The Agawam Band recently performed at the Fiesta-Val Music Festival in Atlanta, Georgia. There were 27 groups at the festival and Agawam received excellent and superior awards in all categories entered.

The results in each category were as follows:

Concert Band, silver medal; Marching band, first place in division; gold medal; overall parade champion; Jazz Band, second place in Division III, gold medal, best rhythm section, soloist award (Dan Hendrix-trombone).

Color Guard, second place in open class, gold medal; Percussion, first place in open class, gold medal.

This award-winning group will perform in the annual Band Time Concert on Tuesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the High School gym.

## St. Mary's High Names Honor Students From Agawam

St. Mary's High School is pleased to announce the names of those students who made Honors for our third marking period from the Agawam and Feeding Hills area. They are:

SENIORS: Heidi Rydell (first honors); Heidi Semanie (second honors).

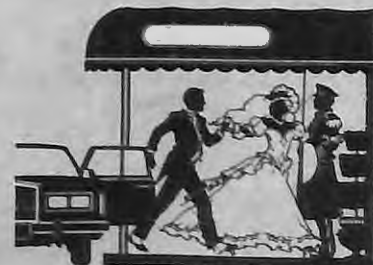
SOPHOMORES: Joshua O'Neill (second honors).

FRESHMEN: Anne-Marie Audette (second honors).

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## Sports

### St. Jean Goes To 5-0 As Brownies Whitewash Bombers

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Traditionally, Westfield High School has had one of the perennial schoolboy baseball programs in Western Mass., so Agawam's 4-0 win over the visiting Bombers (and last year's Valley Wheel champs) Monday afternoon at Harmon Smith Field was sweet, indeed. Sophomore ace Brian St. Jean was on the hill. The kid pitched a five-hit gem for his shutout (the first of the season for him) and his fifth win against no losses for the 10-2 Brownies.

St. Jean started out in fine fashion, getting the side in order to open the festivities. The Brownies also went down in order to close out the first.

St. Jean started the second with a whiff, allowed a single, saw the runner move to second on a fielder's choice, then got some help to get out of the inning. The Bombers' Nick Avery, aboard on that single, had a notion - second base was down there and he wanted it. The Bomber took off. Catcher Andy St. Jean spied the potential thief and made him pay with a strike to Mike Wing, waiting at the bag.

#### Locals Strike In Bottom Of The Second

The Brownies struck in the bottom of the second. Ryan Progulske ripped a frozen rope to deep right and rumbled into second with a standup double. Centerfielder Bryan O'Quinn stepped in and singled sharply to left, driving in Progulske. O'Quinn sped to second on the throw home. Brian St. Jean then lofted a fly ball to center, which enabled O'Quinn to tag and take third. Third baseman Mike Sullivan singled O'Quinn home for a 2-0 lead, which, in hindsight, would be all they needed for their 10th win of the campaign against two losses.

There were two Bombers back in the hanger when St. Jean gave up a fourth-inning triple to left-center. Only some good speed by leftfielder Brady Martin in tracking down the ball stopped it from becoming a homerun. He induced the next hitter to lace one to short, where Mike Wing gobbled it up and pegged a strike to first, killing a mild Westfield threat.

With one gone in the bottom of the inning, O'Quinn drew a walk. He promptly stole second.

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**BRIAN ST. JEAN** pitched a nifty five-hit shutout to pace the AHS Brownies to a 4-0 win over Westfield on Monday at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Jackobek Fans 15 To Lead Brownies Past Longmeadow

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

When encountering a hot pitcher, many times all you can do is go along for the ride. That was the Longmeadow High softball team's fate when it invaded Harmon Smith Field last Thursday for a battle against the 9-0 Brownies. The 4-1 Agawam win was highlighted by a superb pitching performance courtesy of junior Ali Jackobek.

The Lancers came in at 5-4 after a yo-yo first half of the season that saw them sandwich four losses around a five-game win streak. They had just dropped two and were hoping this game would get them well again. Unfortunately, it was not what the doctor ordered. A great deal of their headaches had to do with Jackobek's 15 strikeouts, five hit performance. It was a gem that had her smiling from ear-to-ear.

"This was a very positive game for me. I felt good. My fastball was really working, along with the drop and the change and I had a good snap to my pitches." Then she added, "Dianna (catcher Dianna DiStefano) called a good game. She knew I was pumped up."

#### Jackobek Doesn't Waste Any Time

Jackobek didn't waste any time. A strikeout, followed by a double then two more whiffs, saw her eliminate the Lancers to start the first inning. The Brownies, employing their deadly bunting game, wasted no time in hitting paydirt. Steph Fleming, back from a knee injury and still with her jack rabbit speed, beat out a bunt single down the first base line. Amy Mastroianni, also bunting, sacrificed Fleming to second.

Then it was Kristen Patterson's turn. She was in a rare spot (at least for her) batting in the designated hitter's hole because of a cast on her throwing hand to correct a bad thumb injury incurred in the Ludlow High game, which made it impossible to play her usual shortstop position.

Patterson, who is coming out of a batting slump that had plagued her off and on for the entire season, laced a high drive to right-centerfield. While the Longmeadow outfielders were tracking down the ball, Fleming scored. Patterson perched at third with a triple. Patterson, ever the opportunist, got one when the Lancer battery fell off the same page. A throw back to the pitcher was wild, dribbling slowly towards short. The senior fled home for Agawam's second run.

With a 2-0 lead, Jackobek struck out the side to complete the top of the second. The Brownies also went in order on three straight ground balls to third. After two, Agawam led, 2-0.

The Lancers, unable to hit the Jackobek heater, suffered two more strikeouts and a weak foul pop to DiStefano in their half of the third. Agawam was unable to do anything in its at-bat.

Jackobek's only mistake came in the Lancer fourth. There were two outs when she served up a laser beam to centerfielder Kathy Danahey. The ball came off the senior's bat even faster than it had arrived. It went down the rightfield line and was halfway to Feeding Hills when she stepped on home plate.

Jackobek, perhaps slightly indignant, dusted the next hitter. It was her ninth punchout against 14 hitters.

Agawam regained that run in the bottom of the inning. DiStefano pulled a hard single off the third baseman's glove. Amber Conte knocked one through the shortstop's wickets for an error. DiStefano, who had stolen second a pitch before, held the position. Freshman Jill Gendron, filling in at short for Patterson, hit it back to the pitcher, forcing DiStefano at third.

#### Brownies Lead After Four

With one out, Conte stood at second and Gendron occupied first. Erin Rescigno then doubled in Conte and sent Gendron to third. Freshman rightfielder Amanda Merola reached on a bunt single, loading the bases. A pop to third and a 6-3 groundout ended the Agawam threat. After four, they led, 3-1.

Jackobek fanned three more in the fifth. Her only jam of the game came in the Longmeadow sixth. A single on a tough chance off the glove of first baseman Kornelia Moysis, followed by a single, saw Lancers looming at the corners with no outs.

Jackobek hit the next batter, loading them up. But she pinned her ears back and struck out the next two hitters and induced an inning-ending ground ball to second.

The bottom of the sixth saw Agawam's final score. With one out, Rescigno hit a ball to left and dug for her second double of the game. She was safe at the bag, but an overthrow by the Lancer leftfielder gave her the green light and she hustled into third on the error. A sac fly to left by Merola sent Rescigno home with Agawam's fourth run. Vanessa Galluzzo, pinch hitting for Moysis, rapped a single to left. Another Lancer throwing error saw her end up at third.

Fleming stepped in and hit a shallow fly to left. Coach Debbie Lickley, in the third base box, sent her runner home (who was nailed on a fielder's choice at the plate by virtue of a good throw from the outfield).

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**BRIAN ST. JEAN - from Page 39...**

Brian St. Jean hit a grounder to short. The throw to first was high. O'Quinn was allowed to come home and St. Jean advanced to second. A fielder's choice and a fly ball ended the inning with Agawam enjoying a 3-0 lead.

Things got slightly hairy for the Brownies in the Westfield half of the fifth. With one out, St. Jean gave up three straight singles. Then, a ball was hit to short. It came up on a weird hop, forcing Wing to retreat a couple steps, which would have made a play to any bag interesting.

As Wing fielded it, he was hit by Bomber catcher Scott Phelan, who had been on second and was on his way to third. It was interference all the way, though it took a few moments for the home plate umpire to make the call.

When he did, Phelan was out and the runner who'd crossed home was called back to third, making it a two-out, bases loaded situation.

"It was going to be a tough play because of the way the ball was spinning. I saw him (Phelan) coming out of the corner of my eye, then he hit me," Wing said.

**Coach Goes Ballistic**

Of course, Bomber Coach Tom Sgroi went ballistic. He was yelling so strenuously at the umpires that some feared it was only a matter of time before his vocal chords would be hanging limply from his mouth like a couple of tattered ribbons.

When the histrionics ended, the next hitter scrubbed one back to the mound where he was quickly dispatched, thus ending the Bombers' threat.

Agawam got its final run in the bottom of the fifth. Martin rapped a ball deep into the shortstop hole. The long throw was late and by the first baseman, Martin, who had the throw beaten, went to second.

With one out, Austin Kimball, who came into the game with a .500 average, drilled a triple to left-center, sending Martin home for a 4-0 Agawam lead.

There was no more scoring or heroics. St. Jean retired nine straight to end things. The Bombers fell to 8-3. Brownie Coach Pete Clark noted that while they didn't get their usual production in the hitting department (six), the ones they did get were timely.

**BROWNIE STATS:** Martin, 1-3, 1 rs; Wing, 1-3; Kimball, 1-3 (3b), 1 rbi; Progulske, 1-3 (2b), 1 rs; O'Quinn, 1-3, 1 rbi, 2 rs, 1 sb; Brian St. Jean, 0-3; Sullivan, 1-3, 1 rbi; Andy St. Jean, 0-2; Hanscom, 0-2.

**PITCHING:** St. Jean (W): 7 IP; 0 R; 0 ER; 5 H; 0 W; 4 SO; .000 ERA; Calling (L): 6 IP; 4 R; 3 ER; 6 H; 1 W; 3 SO; 3.50 ERA.

**TEAM HITTING:** Westfield: 26 AB; 5 H; .192 AVG; Agawam: 24 AB; 6 H; .250 AVG.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Agawam came into the game with a .338 team batting average - 123 for 334. The win gets them into the Western Mass. Tournament. At this writing, they are looking towards league play. They'll open their Valley League season against Western Mass. Division I Champion Cathedral at presstime.

**JV BASEBALL vs. WESTFIELD - 5/4/98**

The Brownie JV's beat the visiting Westfield JV's, 8-7 in a come-from-behind thriller. Trailing 6-3 going into the bottom of the seventh, they came up with five runs to up their record to 7-3. "We made them play defense and they couldn't do it," smiled Coach Chris Chechile. Joe DiVirgilio scored the winning run on a botched play between the Bomber shortstop and second baseman. Scott Harlin went the distance, giving up six hits, two earned runs, striking out six, and walking three. He also had two triples, two rbi's, and two rs in four at-bats.

**FRESHMEN BASEBALL vs. WESTFIELD - 5/4/98**

The Agawam freshman boys' baseball team lost, 5-1, at Westfield. "We're in a batting slump," Coach Paul Bachini explained. Westfield had a perfect game going through five. Ben Lapins pitched the whole way for the young Brownies. The freshman record now stands at 5-2.

**JACKOBK - from Page 39...**

**Local's Record Goes To 10-0**

Jackobek would have her final strikeout in a scoreless Longmeadow seventh to end the game. Agawam's record rose to 10-0. The Lancers lapsed to 5-5.

Lickley noted that her kids are still having a tough time at the plate lately (six hits), even though they had a triple and two doubles. "We took a full hour of batting practice the other day," she noted. Overall, however, the coach was happy. "They're good kids who listen to what you have to say. They seem to find ways to win," Lickley smiled.

Of Jackobek's performance, her smile was even broader. "She's capable of doing that again for us."

**BROWNIE STATS:** Fleming: 1-4, 1 rs; Mastroian: 0-1; Patterson: 1-3 (3b), 1 rbi, 1 rs, 1 sb; DiStefano: 1-2, 1 sb; Conte: 0-3, 1 rs; Gendron: 0-3; Rescigno: 2-4 (two doubles), 1 rbi, 1 rs; Merola: 1-2, 1 rbi; Moysis: 0-2; Galluzzo: 1-1.

**PITCHING:** Jackobek - 7 IP; 1 R; 1 ER; 0 W; 15 SO; 1.00 ERA.

**TEAM HITTING:** Longmeadow - 25 AB; 5 H; .200 AVG; 5 LOB; 1 R; 5 H; 5 E. Agawam - 24 AB; 6 H; .250 AVG; 5 LOB; 4 R; 6 H; 0 E.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** Ali Jackobek now has six wins against no losses on the season. Coach Lickley had planned to use her and junior Lindsay Mason in the circle. Mason, unfortunately, sustained a back injury early in the year and is out for the foreseeable future. Jackobek has given up 15 runs, 13 of them earned, in her 38 innings of work. Her earned run average is an excellent 2.39.

Kristen Patterson is sporting a cast on her right arm from hand to just under the elbow. It helps stabilize her thumb, which was injured during a base stealing attempt against Ludlow back on April 24th. The injury has forced her to DH against South Hadley and Longmeadow, thus seeing her vacate shortstop for the first time in her AHS softball career. At this writing, she might be moved to first base with a cut down cast where throwing often and long is not a large part of the job.

**JV SOFTBALL -** The Brownie JV softball team beat Longmeadow 11-3 Friday afternoon, raising their record to 10-0. Diane Balicki (10-0) got the win. Tiffany Blackman is down from the varsity. The former freshman pitcher did an excellent job in the field according to JV Coach Lynda Kunasek. The coach also singled out exchange students Camilla Ringvold and Nathalie Nyman for their outstanding play through the first half of the season. "Both of them have contributed key plays for us in the last two games," the coach said.

**FRESHMAN SOFTBALL -** The Agawam freshman softball team kept their perfect string alive against Longmeadow with an 18-5 win. Their record now stands at 6-0. The team, which has rolled over every opponent they've faced this season, led 17-0 after three innings. Danielle Bachini started and went three innings before Jen Plamondon took over to finish out the game. Jen Bishop had a home run. Freshman Coach Al O'Quinn singled out the play of Kate Conte and Laura Bucalo.



**JUNIOR ALISON JACKOBK** whiffed 15 Longmeadow batters in a 4-1 win last Friday. The win pushed the Brownies to 10-0 at that time, and Jackobek's record went to 6-0. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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# Bad Day At The Ranch For AHS As Bombers Take 8-1 Softball Win

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High varsity softball Coach Debbie Lickley had been worried about her team's lack of offensive firepower in recent weeks.

Finally, what she feared most happened - their bats suffered a total meltdown Monday afternoon, producing only one hit in an 8-1 loss to visiting Westfield High. After 10 straight wins, most by convincing margins (they had 108 runs, averaging 10.8 runs per game), the Western Mass. Division I runners-up had one smack dab in the right-hand column in the league opener for both sides.

## Good Game For Five Innings

"It was a good game for five innings," the coach noted.

Indeed, it was. Ali Jackobek was working on a no-hitter. Though the Brownies only had their lone hit and lone run in the third inning, the junior's performance, coming off her 15 strikeout game the Friday before against Longmeadow, was rock solid.

The Bombers, however, opened their bomb bays in the sixth, scoring five runs. They struck for three more in the seventh. The Brownies had no answer for the sudden barrage.

"We can't fault Ali for this one. We didn't help her very much," Lickley said of her ace, who fell to 6-1 on the season.

Agawam had been working hard at its hitting. During one practice session, they devoted one full hour to it. The coach stressed at this writing that they'll be back in the batting cage until they get it right.

**BROWNIE NOTE:** Kristen Patterson had the cast on her right hand and arm removed complete-

ly for the game. She had been wearing it for two games as a result of a broken thumb suffered against Ludlow. But, the coaching staff, worried that throws from their usual shortstop might aggravate her injured thumb, put her at first.

## JV SOFTBALL vs. WESTFIELD - 5/4/98

The JV softball team rose to 11-0 with an 11-0 win over the visiting Westfield JVs. "Westfield is a good team. We had to be focused for this one and we were, big time," JV Coach Lynda Kunasek smiled. It was a whole team effort, according to the coach.

Diane Balicki went the route for the Brownies. "We helped her with timely hits," the coach noted. Her team was ahead for the whole game and had to fend off several Bomber rallies. They got out of a big jam in the seventh, when Camilla Ringvold caught a fly to end things.

Coach Kunasek has only 10 kids on her team, which means just one substitute. She is proud of the fact that all of them have the ability to play all game long, game in and game out.

## FRESHMAN SOFTBALL vs. WESTFIELD - 5/4/98

The Agawam freshman girls' softball team went up to Westfield Monday afternoon and came away with a 16-9 win, to raise their record to 6-0. "Our offense was the key in this one," Coach Al O'Quinn said. At one point, the frosh, who aren't used to giving up so many runs, were down 2-0. But the team, helping out pitcher Danielle Bachini, put the bats to work. The coach singled out the hitting of Lisa Marie Bienia and the base-running of Laura Bucalo and Caitlyn Conte as prime reasons the kids preserved their perfect record.



KRISTEN PATTERSON, the Division I "Player of the Year" in 1997 for Agawam High, has been hampered by a broken thumb lately and has been relegated to playing first base or being the designated player. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

# AHS Softball Bound For Cape Cod Tourney May 9th & May 10th

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Once again, the Agawam High School girls' softball team is off to Cape Cod this weekend for two days of competition involving some of the best high school teams in the state. It is called the Friendship Invitational Softball Tournament. Nauset High School hosts it. The games will be played in Orleans, which is one of the most picturesque places on the Cape.

Coach Debbie Lickley has taken her team to this tournament for the past two seasons. Mostly, it entailed two days of top-notch competition on the softball diamond, plus a little sightseeing on the side. The foes this year will be a brace of powerhouses. On Saturday, May 9th, they'll play 1997 Division II state runner-up Wilmington. On Sunday, they'll meet Amesbury, last year's Division II state champions.

## Some Changes This Year

This year there will be some changes. The number of teams has dropped from 25 to 16. That doesn't bother the coach, who seeks quality, not quantity. "When the tournament committee calls us to set up the draw, we try to get the toughest possible teams we can. It really helps us to see just exactly how our program is evolving against clubs who we feel are on our level."

Also, the venue has changed. Provincetown provided the fields for the first two years, now Orleans, which is 40 minutes from the Cape Cod Canal, will see the action. "We don't know much about where we will play, but good teams can play anywhere," she noted.

Another change, and an exciting one, will be an inaugural Friday night competition starting at 7:00 p.m. under the lights at the Orleans Cardinals' baseball field. It will include running, fielding, catching, throwing, and a homerun derby. Awards will be given to the outstanding performers in each category. That will be interesting for the Brownies. Looking down the lineup, they have many kids who should do well in a competition like that, including Kristen Patterson, Amber Conte, Dianna DiStefano, Stephanie Fleming, and Amy Mastroianni.

## A Real Team Effort

The team, and many going with them, will leave at about 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon. They'll stay over two nights and come home Sunday afternoon. Again their opportunity to attend the tournament was a team effort. The Brownies raised some of the money through their annual clinic put on earlier in the season. The booster parents contributed generously.

"The parents are very involved with our program and do whatever they can," Lickley smiled. She added that the boosters also make sure the kids have enough spending money so they can shop while they sightsee and also hit a good restaurant or two.

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## AHS Girls' Tennis Stop Chicopee; Bow To Palmer

The Agawam High School girls' tennis team came away with a 3-2 victory against Chicopee Comprehensive last week.

In first singles, **Maureen Dimock** won her third in a row to help the team with its first league match and win, 6-2, 6-4. "As usually happens with first singles," said Coach Mary Wolochowicz, "it was a contest of ground strokes with Maureen getting the job done."

**Kaitlin White** clinched the win in second singles with a three-set 7-5 victory over Mindy Tullock. It was a very hard-fought contest with rallies into double figures. "Kaitlin showed she wanted the win more," said the coach.

At third singles position, **Janice Balicki** "did not go to three sets, but won very quickly in her first league match," according to Wolochowicz. "Playing backboard, Janice allowed Suzanne Thornton to make the mistakes in her 6-0, 6-1 win," she said.

In first doubles, **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** played together for the first time. "They were moving better than during the first few matches," said Wolochowicz, "but were no match for the strong serves and forehands of Jessie Scott and Judy Hamelins," said the coach.

At second doubles, **Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** were also playing their first match together. "They came back strongly in the second set," commented the coach. "Down 3-5 and with several match points against them, they hung in, but finally lost 5-7 in the second set."

The girls fell to Holyoke, 0-5, in a match that saw Holyoke with its entire team from last year. "The experience showed," said Coach Wolochowicz. "Ground strokes were outstanding and placement of shots was beautiful to watch," she said.

"Agawam played well and did not give up, but they were outmatched as far as talent," she said.

"We credited it as a learning experience and had fun. All matches from now on will be only within our league," noted the coach. "Holyoke was our last non-league match. Now comes the pressure," she said.

In a 3-2 team loss to Palmer, **Maureen Dimock** fell to Jacqui Jurczyk in first singles, 1-6, 1-6. "Maureen was a bit off her game, which was all Jacqui needed to capitalize with her strong forehand and quick feet," said the coach.

At second singles, **Kaitlin White** bounced back from her loss at Holyoke to control her match against Ruth Perry, 6-3, 6-2. "Her strokes were good and her footwork was the best so far this year," commented the coach.

**Janice Balicki** was showing the effects of a sore wrist as she tried to stay in her match against Sara Kasper. "Janice was able to make a great effort to win the second set, 6-4, but could not hold on during the third set," according to Wolochowicz.

At first doubles, **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** fell to Jen Niedziela and Katherine Wasiuk, 3-6, 4-6. "Courtney and Seema are beginning to work better together, but the Palmer duo was able to get the extra points necessary to pull off the win," said Wolochowicz. "There are some great shots being played and with a bit more experience, we will get those extra points."

**Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** showed great improvement at second doubles with Wendy serving and Andrea playing net. "Wendy is hitting her ground strokes better and Andrea's net play is very much improved," commented the coach. "We will see Palmer again."

In a 1-4 loss against Westfield, **Maureen Dimock** came away with a 6-0, 6-1 victory against Libby Deluhery. "Maureen was consistent and patient to beat Libby," said the coach. "She took her time and kept the ball in play."

At second singles, **Kaitlin White** fell to Rebecca Slozak, 3-6, 4-6. "Kaitlin was showing signs of fatigue as she played her fourth match this week," according to Wolochowicz. "Rebecca did a good job of keeping the ball away from her."

**Michele Clauson** filled in for an injured Janice Balicki this week. Megan Doe proved to be too much for her in a 1-6, 0-6 loss. "Megan just hit too hard for the inexperienced Clauson," noted the coach.

At first doubles, **Courtney Locke** and **Seema Gada** fell 3-6, 4-6. "Courtney and Seema are beginning to work well together, but Jessica Chaput and Lindsay O'Donnell won the big points," noted Wolochowicz.

**Andrea Cizek** and **Wendy Gonzales** showed great improvement and kept the first set very close, only to lose in a tie-breaker. In the second set, AnnMarie Chistolini and Casey Pepek dominated with great net play, according to Wolochowicz.

## Aimee Loudfoot Runs & Runs For AHS Girls' Track Team

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Aimee Loudfoot is a two-sport standout at Agawam High School. Recently, the senior took some time out to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

Aimee turned 18 on October 14th of last year. She has been attending Agawam High for the last four years.

As the semester closes out, she is taking courses in child development, health, law, and modern literature. Child development and modern literature are her favorite courses. She has no top teacher. "I like them all," she smiled. She plans on attending Holyoke Community College in the fall, with an eye towards a career in child care.

Aimee plays soccer in the fall and is currently participating in girls' track. Track is her favorite.

"It's both individual and a team thing so you can get the best of both worlds," she observed.

Her most memorable moment came as a sophomore in 1996 when she was part of the Brownie girls' Western Mass. Division I Championship team. In that competition, she was on the winning 4 x 100 relay team and also finished fourth in the 100-yard dash. So far, Aimee is pleased with the way the 1998 track season has gone.

"We have the numbers and the talent. We've done well and will continue to do well," she said of the 4-1 Brownies (at presstime).

Aimee's favorite food is cheese pizza. Blue is her favored hue.

She likes the new Trans-Am, mainly because she owns an older one (a 1986 model).

Major League Soccer's Alexi Lales of the New England Revolution is her favorite jock. And, it follows that the Revolution is her top team.

Her favorite hangout when she wants to relax is Stanley Park in Westfield. When there, she enjoys begin accompanied by her boyfriend, (football standout) Mike Aloisi.

Her taste in clothes runs to the casual — sweaters, jeans, and t-shirts.

She likes just about any kind of music, except country. One of her favorite groups is Aerosmith.

Tops on the tube for Aimee is "In Living Color." Her favorite flick is "Scream."

Her mom's name is Joyce. Alan is her dad's name. She has a younger sister, Gina, who plays soccer and runs track as an AHS sophomore. An



AIMEE LOUDFOOT

older brother, Joe, graduated from AHS in 1992 and was a wrestler.

She says her parents are the people she looks up to the most. "They've always been behind me, whatever I tried to do," Aimee noted.

When her days at AHS are done, she would like to go down in the record books as holding the top time in the 4 x 100, an event she anchors.

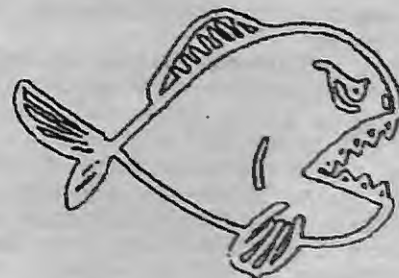
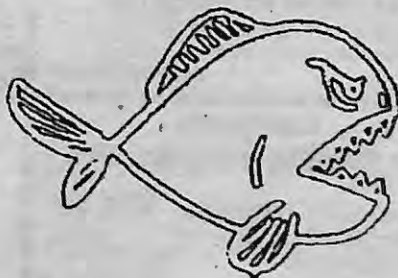
She wanted her relay teammates mentioned as well — Lonnie DeLuca, Emily Norris, and Leila Mounemneh. "We are only four seconds away from doing it," she smiled, indicating that the foursome can grab that record this year.

Girls track Coach Dean Vecchiarelli had this to say about Aimee: "She is one of our captains and a leader. She performs well all the time, but really shines in the big meets or when important points are on the line."

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## Disappointing Loss For Brownie Track Against Chic. Comp

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

After their big 117-28 win over West Side last week, the Agawam High boys' track team traveled to Chicopee Comp Monday afternoon full of confidence. The Colts, however, stampeded all over those positive feelings, beating the Brownies, 74-62.

"Yeah, I'm a little disappointed. We could have won it," Agawam Coach Bill Dillon observed.

Part of it had to do with some of his kids not being there because they were away on a band trip. But, all things being equal, the Brownies gave the hosts a good meet, considering Comp had some talented athletes coming off the injured list for this one.

Agawam didn't record a lot of first-place finishes, but they had a number of second and third showings. The field events looked like this: **Jay Flood** was second in the long jump at 19'9½". **Peter Bitzas** took third at 38'6" in the triple jump. Bitzas was also there in the high jump, finishing second at 5'10".

Former football player **Mike Lovely** had a third in the shot put. **Marc Pedraza** spun the discus for 125' and a second-place finish in that event. The javelin saw **Bob Fuller** throw a 128-footer, good enough for third.

All-Western Mass. senior **Ian Lane** took the high hurdles in 15.4 seconds, which was one of his best times of the year.

**Barry Ward** was first in the 100-yard dash. His time of 11.8 seconds qualified him for the individuals. It was just one-tenth of a second away from getting him into the Western Mass. Tournament.

**Mike Thomas** finished first in the mile at 4:59.7, which qualified him for the individuals. **Jay Flood** was second at 5:13.45. **Nick Broska's** 69 seconds flat brought him a third in the 400.

**Jason Gagne** (46.2) qualified for the individuals with his third-place finish in the 300 hurdles. Junior **Rich Rodriguez**, who has been battling an injured hamstring, won the 800 in a time of 2:20 flat.

The 200 went to **Barry Ward** in 24.2, which qualified him for Western Mass. The second-place finish by **Peter Bitzas** qualified him for the individuals in that event.

**Dave Thomas** came in second in the two-mile at 11:05.8, which was good enough to qualify him for the individuals.

## AHS Boys' Tennis Stop Central High For Fourth Win

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' tennis team is on a roll of sorts.

On Monday, May 4th, they traveled to Springfield Central and beat the Eagles, 3-2, for their third win in a row. Senior **Jeff Lyman** had some troubles in first singles, however. He lost 3-6, 3-6 to Dhafir Jihad.

"Jihad is one of the best singles players in Western Mass., but Jeff played him tough," Brownie boys' tennis Coach Bill Spear noted.

**Ted Lee**, at number two singles, won his match, 6-2, 6-1. After losing his first match of the year, Lee has won seven straight.

A newcomer, freshman **Sean Duvall**, played his first varsity match, losing 4-6, 4-6. "Sean was competitive. He'll get better with experience," the coach noted.

Agawam won its two double matches, which ended up making the difference. Seniors **Brett Demers** and **Jon Couture**, at first doubles, won 6-3, 6-1. Senior **Jeff Machia** and freshman **Shawn Mercadante** also won, 6-3, 6-3.

"Jeff supplies the experience and Shawn has the enthusiasm. They make a potent duo," Spear smiled.

For Mercadante, it was his first varsity win of any kind. "I hope the first of many," Spear added.

The coach noted that his singles players are improving with each match. He is also pleased with his doubles teams, who are starting to storm the net, which is something he's been trying to encourage them to do all season long.

The win lifted Agawam's record to 4-4.

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## Brownie Girls' Track Easily Stops Comp To Go 4-1

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Chicopee Comp came calling Monday afternoon for a girls' track meet against the Brownies. The Colts took the bus ride back carrying a 104-41 whipping with them.

In the long jump, Agawam, which usually features the talent of senior **Lonnie DeLuca**, let that event slip away. DeLuca finished second with a leap of 14'10". The pole vault saw some excitement. Freshman **Lauren DeLuca** (Lonnie's sister) set a new Agawam record in that event, soaring 7'8" into the afternoon sky. The old record had been 7'6", and there is a story as to how she broke it.

"When the bar was at the 7'6" mark, Lauren told me to set it a half-inch higher so she could go for the record," Brownie Assistant Coach Dan Pryce said. "I set it at what I thought was the height she wanted. Instead, unknowingly I set it at 7'8". Lauren simply jumped over it," he smiled, noting that the kid did even better than she thought she could.

**Chris Andre** was second at 6'6", and **Lauren Kunkler** jumped 6'6" for third.

**Kerry McGeoghan** took first in the high jump at 5'2". **Sarah Lottermoser** was second with a jump of 4'6".

**Barbara Maloni** launched a heave of 31'7" to win the shot put. **Lindsay Hadden** took second with a put of 29'5". Hadden was first in the discus with a throw of 97'11". **Ann Marie Dimauro** came in second at 80'4".

"Ann Marie has a nagging shoulder injury which hampers her throw," Pryce noted.

Maloni took second in the javelin at 86'6".

Senior **Aimee Loudfoot**, trying that event for only the second time, managed 80 feet and qualified for the league championships. Her sister, **Gina Loudfoot**, grabbed a third in the high hurdles in a time of 19 seconds flat.

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On the track side, Maloni was third in the 100 with a sprint of 13.6. **Amy Jensen** was second in the mile, running a 6:23. **Kaila Larivee** was right behind her, in third at 6:24. The Brownie foursome of **Lonnie DeLuca**, **Emily Norris**, **Leila Mounemneh**, and **Aimee Loudfoot** took the 4 x 100.

The irrepressible Maloni crossed the line first in the 400, timing out at 64.2 seconds. Second and third were taken by two more Brownies, **Valerie Seidlik** and **Alesha Pisano**, in times of 68 and 71 seconds flat.

**McGeoghan** was second in the 300 hurdles at 56.6. **Gina Loudfoot**, coming back from a slight shoulder separation suffered earlier in the season, was third at 57.7.

Agawam's **Steph Pettazzoni** took the 800 in a time of 2:44. Comp won the 200, but Agawam took the next two spots as **Marie Buendo** (28.5) and **Lonnie DeLuca** (29.3) grabbed more points for the home team.

Junior **Pia Bertone-Gross** was first in the two-mile with a time of 13:44. **Danielle DeForge** was third in 14:23. The 4 x 400 saw the Agawam team of DeForge, Andre, Larivee, and Seidlik win with a time of five minutes flat.

The win raises the Brownies' record to 4-1 in the Valley League.

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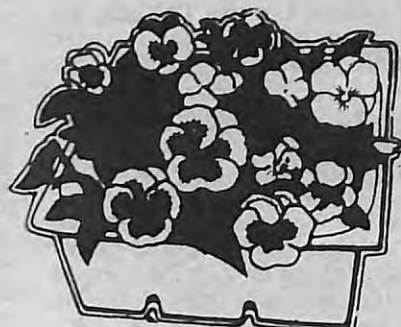
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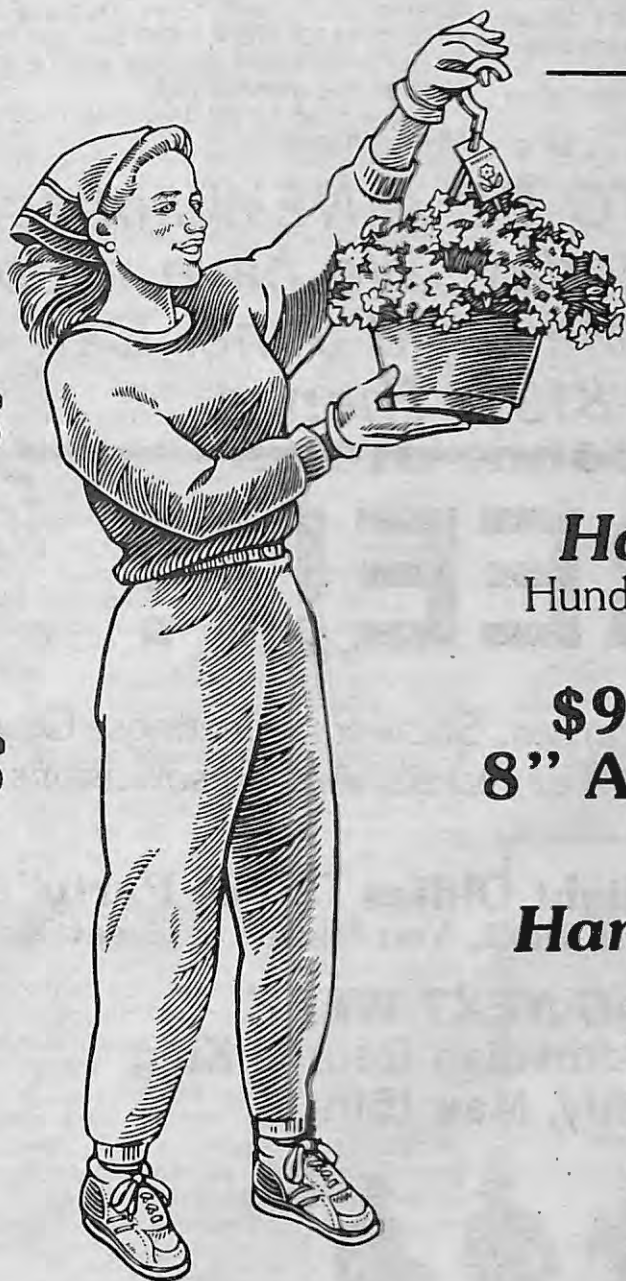
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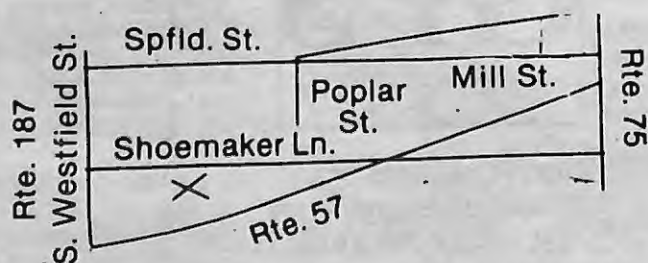
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**"ARE THEY BITING YET?"** Wayne Harrington and Kevin Sanders at the Mawaga Sportsmen's Club's fishing derby. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Baseball Brownies Hand Amherst A 17-5 Defeat

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Last Friday afternoon, the Agawam High varsity and junior varsity baseball teams waited for more than three-quarters of an hour in the parking lot for the bus that would take them up to Amherst. It finally arrived and they got to Amherst at 4:30 p.m. for their 3:30 p.m. game.

It didn't make much difference in the end. The guests, despite being more than fashionably late, treated the hosts rudely, handing them a 17-5 loss. "We belted the heck out of the ball," Brownie Coach Pete Clark said of his club's 15-hit attack. Three of those were dingers compliments of Brady Martin (his first), Ryan Progulske (his second), and Brian Machos (his first).

Once again, Clark used a bevy of pitchers, starting with Kevin Mattson, followed by Doug Nooney in the fifth, and Bryan O'Quinn in the seventh. Mattson got the win to go 1-1. O'Quinn, his control coming back quickly after an ankle injury, closed out the game with a double play ball. Agawam's record climbed to 8-2. The Hurricanes dropped to 2-7.

**FRESHMAN BASEBALL vs. AMHERST:** The AHS freshmen suffered their first loss of the season, 12-3, against the Amherst Hurricanes' frosh. The young Brownies were plagued by five errors and gave up only two earned runs. "It was by far the worst game we played all year," Coach Paul Bachini admitted.

He used three pitchers: Ben Lapins, Marc Barcomb, and closing out with Shawn Gaffney. Barcomb, one of the aces of the staff, allowed only his first earned run of the season. The coach singled out the play of Tony LeClair, Lou Conte, and Cory Federico. "All of them have been getting on base with regularity," he said. The freshmen, at this writing, are 5-1.

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## Girls' Lacrosse Bedevils The Blue Devils At 'Hamp

by Dave Rollins  
News Editor

The last time the Agawam High girls' lacrosse team played Northampton, they won 12-4 up at Harmon Smith Field.

On Tuesday afternoon, the Brownies traveled to Blue Devil territory and promptly found themselves down 2-0. "We dug a hole for ourselves early on," Agawam Coach Cindy Grieve admitted.

But her club knew how to climb out of that excavation and they did, winding up with a 15-2 victory to go 8-1 on the season. "Northampton has only one or two kids they go to. We turned up our defense and doubled down on them," the coach explained. After that, it was like shooting ducks in a barrel for the Brownies.

Once again, it was their passing game that complemented the defense. "We had three or four team goals, which started out with excellent passes from our goalie, Mary Elizabeth Dupelle, and other members of our defense. It was bang, bang down the field," the coach smiled.

Two Brownie scores were very pretty. On one, senior Sarah Drenzek, cutting through the cage, took a snap pass from Lindy Gage. Drenzek (three goals) launched it full force from five feet away for a goal. The other involved another pass. This one was from Jill DeMarco to Amanda Sternowski. The sophomore took the ball and shot in one split-second motion. Blue Devil keeper Jen Pepin received some praise from the coach. "Jen had 21 saves and played a great game. If she wasn't in their net, who knows what the score would have been," Grieve noted.

The coach also had high praise for one of her defenders, Sheri Benton (two goals, two assists). "She was doubling down, helping out. It was one of her best games of the season," Grieve noted.

The goal scorers for Agawam included Drenzek, 3; Paquette, 3; Sternowski, 3; Benton, 2; DeMarco, 2; Gregory, 1; and Lanier, 1.

**BROWNIE NOTE:** This weekend, the girls are off to Martha's Vineyard, where they will enjoy two days of competition against teams from the island. On Saturday, they play Barnstable. Then they'll meet the host, Martha's Vineyard High School.

"We are all looking forward to the trip. Some of our kids have never even been to the Cape, so it should be a great experience for them," Grieve smiled.

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## Pioneer Valley Soccer Round-Up

### U11 Girls - Hot Shots

On Tuesday, April 28th, the Hot Shots matched up against Holyoke's second team in our division.

The Hot Shots came out fighting right from the start and never stopped the entire game. The Hot Shots would have approximately 20 shots on goal, but the goal this night was the size of a shoe box. Nothing we shot at the goal would go in, whether it was because of Holyoke's keeper being on top of the ball or our girls just not putting the right English on the ball.

Holyoke was held to about a half dozen goal attempts. This was one of those games where you couldn't make any mistakes and the only goal of the game came when we had a goal kick into the wind. Holyoke was lined-up on the 18-yard line the Hot Shot defense behind them expecting the kick over their heads. The kick never made it and Holyoke took it in and put it in the goal.

The Hot Shots lost, 1-0. Great effort, girls. You did a good job keeping the coaches and parents on edge for the whole game.

On Saturday, May 2nd, we travelled to Northampton. Our game was scheduled at the Oxbow and it rained the night before and on Saturday morning. We didn't expect much for playing fields, but the fields were actually quite playable.

On this day, the Hot Shots went into the game with only 11 players due to three girls participating in a gymnastics meet out of the area and one player getting sick at the last minute. We told the girls to just do their best and that they did!

Halfway through the first half, our right wing managed to drill a ball through the Northampton keeper's hands, giving us the first goal of the game and a great pick-me-up for the girls.

Shortly thereafter, the same wing came up with a pulled muscle and could not run or walk. At our next sub opportunity, we pulled this player off the field and rearranged our team to cover in the missing space. The Hot Shots did a great job finishing up the first half with only 10 players on the field holding Northampton to no score.

The second half was to bring on quite a challenge for us with only 10 players remaining. The girls were getting tired, so we needed to play them carefully so as to get as much running out of them as possible.

We were not planning on putting our injured player back out on the field, but she used to be a keeper many seasons ago and she was willing to go into the goal for the second half.

This gave us a fresh set of legs on the field and still good defense in the goal. The girls were showing their exhaustion but never gave up. They worked hard right to the end to shut out Northampton.

Hot Shots won, 1-0. You had to see the effort these girls gave to appreciate it. Great job, Hot Shots!

### U11 Girls - Cobras

On April 28th, the Cobra girls took on Westfield at the Agawam Middle School. The offense got going early when Danielle Glantz tallied first for the Cobras about midway through the first half.

Shortly after the start of the second half, stopper Lauren Peltier stepped up just beyond the 18 and sent a shot high into the net. Tiffany Manzi added the last goal for the Cobras a few minutes later. Once again, a strong defensive game by all the Cobras held Westfield scoreless.

On Saturday, May 1st, the Cobras played their second game of the season against the Umbroliables. In this game, the offense wasted no time getting started.

Striker Jessica Lalli took the ball deep into the left corner of the field. She then turned and blasted a "corner-like" kick high and deep into the opposite side of the net for the Cobras first goal. Fullback Leeann Morytko did a great job when she stepped up to keep a ball in the Umbro's zone.

She crossed a hard shot into the middle and stopper Lauren Peltier pounced on it, driving it high over the goalie's head for her second goal in two games. The score stood at 2-0 at halftime.

In the second half, the Cobras would add two more goals, both from center Elise Davilli. The third goal was short range out in front of the net. The game's fourth and final goal came off a corner kick. Davilli passed the ball to fullback Liz Barker. Liz then led Elise with a great pass that Elise lifted high into the top right corner of the net.

Both teams played well. The Cobras defense was once again very strong. The Umbroliables played a very aggressive, physical, and high-spirited game. Despite the score, they never let up. The Cobras improved their record to 7-0-1.

### U13 Tigers

The U13 Agawam Tigers had a tough week by dropping a 1-0 decision to Westfield and tying the Chicopee Ajax 1-1 in Division I girls' action. The Tigers are now 4-3-1 and in third place in the Pioneer Valley Junior Soccer League.

The undermanned Tigers first met Westfield at the Agawam Middle School on Thursday, April 30th. The locals had twice defeated the Whip City side last fall but WF came out and fought for every inch of ground from start to finish.

The see-saw first half turned to WF just before the intermission on a controversial goal. Goalie Sherri Laskowski dove on a loose ball just before a WF attacker kicked it out of her hands and into the net. The Tigers claimed no goal but the referee did not agree, giving WF what would prove to be the game's only tally.

While WF continued to battle the Tigers in the second half, the Agawam group did manage to apply more pressure in the WF zone, especially in the final 10 minutes when WF was on its heels. Danielle Cirillo had the best chance when she dribbled around two WF defenders and launched a shot from just outside the penalty area. The ball missed the far inside post by inches.

The Tigers received good efforts from fullbacks Tricia Fitchben and Danielle Cirillo, as well as sweeper Kim Hoague.

On Saturday in Chicopee, the Tigers faced the hustling Ajax, a team they dominated by a one-sided 3-0 count in the season's first game early last month.

After a lethargic first half where Chicopee carried the play, the Tigers applied more pressure in the second 35 minutes and scored midway through when center-halfback Whitney Brown blasted a direct kick into the upper corner from 25 yards out for a 1-0 lead.

Chicopee struck back minutes later on another snake-bitten goal on keeper Sherri Laskowski. With the Ajax on the attack, Sherri grabbed a rolling ball near the goal-line and in the ensuing scramble, ended up in the net. The official ruled the ball was over the line before she was bumped into the net by a Chicopee forward and the home team was awarded the goal.

The game's final eight minutes were up and down the field. Center-halfback Danielle Cirillo had another strong game. Chicopee was given three direct kicks between 25-35 yards from the Agawam goal as well as a penalty shot. They failed on all as the Tigers were able to escape with a hard-earned point.

### U11 Boys - Annihilators

The Agawam Annihilators had their seventh game of the season against Brookside with first-time goalie Mike Santos in the net. Through the first half, the 0-0 game was fairly even. Offense made a turning point with a nice pass from Joe Carracciolo to Jordan Buiso, giving the Annihilators a 1-0 lead.

Halfbacks Joey Deluca, Dan Serna, and Nick Crescentini held Brookside on the Annihilators' side, but a breakaway from Brookside tied the game up, 1-1.

In the second half, the Annihilators had several shots on goal by Nick Gruska and Corey Paquette, but they were saved by the Brookside goalie. Fullbacks Chase Sardella, Justin Robinson, and Ryan Evans were strong defensive players to keep Brookside away from their goal, only to pass up to their offense to have Joe Carracciolo score the second goal of the game to give the Annihilators a 2-0 lead.

Mike Santos had some tough saves to hold the Annihilators to a 2-1 win.

The Agawam Annihilators had a good game against OLOH. Although fullbacks Mike Santos, Chase Sardella, and Ryan Evans were on their toes through the game, OLOH scored within five minutes of the first half.

The 1-0 game was steady, with forwards Joe Carracciolo, Jordan Buiso, Nick Gruska, and Ryan Harlow trying to get a goal for the Annihilators. The forwards had help from halfbacks Joey Deluca, Dan Serna, and Corey Paquette, but the defense was just too tough.

Justin Robinson had a strong offensive game to support the Annihilators, but OLOH seemed to control our shots for them to have the 1-0 win. Despite some questionable calls against the Annihilators, goalie Mat Footit had a strong game.

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John's Trucking Orioles	1	0
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GIRLS 10-13	W	L
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Long's Teal	1	1
Gould's Red	1	2
Plamondon's Purple	1	2
Sherbo's Green	0	3

## S.H.A.A. Raffle Is Rescheduled For May 15th

It was a hard decision to cancel the Sacred Heart Athletic Association 1998 Jamboree Day due to inclement weather on April 26th. The S.H.A.A. also had to postpone the raffle drawing. The Athletic Association Board of Directors apologizes for any inconvenience to members of the community that participated in our 1998 raffle fundraiser.

The drawing that was scheduled on Jamboree Day will be held on Friday, May 15th, at 6:30 p.m. at the main diamond. In case of rain, the drawing will be held on the next scheduled game on the main diamond (Monday through Friday at 6:30 p.m.).

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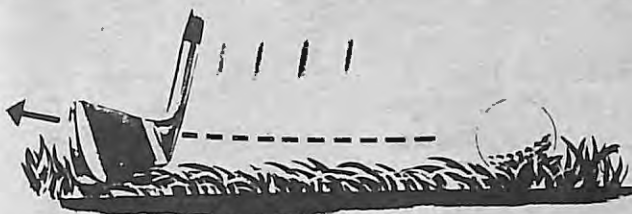


THE AGAWAM SPORTSMEN'S CLUB held a fishing day on Saturday, April 25th. From left - Jonathan Davenport, Steven Davenport, Amy Belanger; Middle photo - Jenni Manfredi, Ron Golon, and Katlyn Golon; Photo right - club officials Bill O'Connor (president), Donald Swindle (chairman), Norman Stebbins (club manager), and angler Matthew Frazier. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Media Day Luncheon At Crestview Features 1997 Friendly's Champ

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Monday was Media Day at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

It was an opportunity to be brought up-to-speed on the rapidly-approaching fourth edition of the Ladies Professional Golf Association's 1998 Friendly's Classic.

On hand was last year's champion, Deb Richard. While the 34 year-old veteran of 13 years on the LPGA Tour looked fit, she did admit to one problem which has made life difficult for her on the tour this season — a symptom, vaguely resembling tendonitis, has taken up residence in her left shoulder.

It caused her, after much deliberation, to withdraw from the last two tournaments she entered and also jeopardizes her short-term playing schedule. Richard was scheduled to have some magnetic resonance imaging done on it on Thursday, May 7th, and thus will miss the Sarah Lee Classic coming up this weekend at the Hermitage Golf Course in Old Hickory, Tennessee.

Golf fans hereabouts, however, are keeping their fingers crossed that she can make and thus defend her crown at the Friendly's Classic, scheduled for June 15th-21st at picturesque Crestview Country Club.

### "Senior Games" To Be Held At Forest Park June 12th-14th

June 12th-14th and the Senior Games are approaching rapidly. It is time to sign-up and refresh your skills.

Shuffleboard practice will be held at Forest Park every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) with Janice Schermerhorn. You can practice any day on your own as long as the clubhouse is open. Anyone wishing to learn the game and rules is more than welcome.

There are many more events that are available. If you want to participate and need information and an application form, see or call Gail Freeman at the Senior Center (786-0400, ext. 242). You can also contact an ASGA member or come to their meeting on April 16th (the third Thursday of the month) at the Senior Center.

There are also volunteer opportunities. It is a great way to meet people, exercise, and have fun.

Pain is nothing new to the five-time LPGA winner with purses totaling over \$2.2 million (25th on the career money list). In 1993, Richard began to have back and neck spasms in mid-season, which continued to plague her for the rest of the year.

Back problems reappeared in 1995, which saw her compete in only 16 events with total winnings of \$62,200 and forced her to undergo back surgery in September. That surgery, a delicate procedure involving her scapula, kept Richard off the links for nine weeks.

But, like any professional athlete, she has learned to play with pain when necessary. "I'm just plain stubborn, I guess," she said of her burning desire to compete, no matter how bad it hurts.

Richard's performance at last year's Classic (which she said was pain-free) saw her shoot a first-round, even-par 72 and follow it up with three sub-par rounds of 70, 68, and 67 on her way to a 277 and a one-shot lead over another tough competitor, Chris Johnson.

Richard went away \$82,500 richer for time that was, we all hope, went-spent and enjoyable in Western Massachusetts, and especially in Agawam.

This year's top purse is \$90,000.

### 2nd Sign-Up Slated For Suburban Hoop On Monday, May 18th

The Agawam Athletic Association will hold a second sign-up for the 1998-1999 Suburban and CYO Basketball season on Monday, May 18th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Agawam Center.

The AAA thanks the many parents who turned out for the May 4th sign-up.

Sign-ups will be taken for 5th/6th grade girls, A & B teams; 5th/6th grade boys, A & B teams; 7th/8th grade girls, A & B teams; and 7th/8th grade boys, A & B teams.

Try-outs will be held in mid-September. There will be no fees collected at the sign-ups. Player fees will only be charged to those children who are selected for the teams after the try-outs are held.

For further information, contact AAA President Bob Hersey at 786-2979, between noon and 4:00 p.m.



## Bud Triple Crown Coming On May 9th To Riverside Track

Drivers competing in the NAPA Modified division and the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock division at Riverside Park Speedway will be striving for something extra this season.

The first installment of the Bud Triple Crown series takes place on May 9th with a 75-lap outing for the two participating divisions.

"I love this series," says Director of Auto Racing Joe Lewandoski. "It's great for the fans, the competitors, and the sponsors. Everybody gets something out of this series and it adds a great deal of excitement to our Saturday night Winston Racing Series program."

Drivers in Riverside Park's top two divisions (Mods, Pro Stocks) will be competing for their share of a \$16,650 purse on May 9th and also for a piece of several bonus money programs tied into the Bud Triple Crown. The overall point fund for the Bud Triple Crown is \$6,000.

Bill Bolton, driver of the Grasso Bros. Modified No. 25, says the extra distance and extra exposure the series provides are big incentives for his team. "We'll bring both cars and make sure we're ready," says Bolton. "And there will obviously be some (tire) strategy involved. We'll have to hang on and save our rubber for the last 30 or 40 s," says Bolton.

In each division, the overall winner of the three-part series will take home \$2,000. Any driver who wins all three Triple Crown races in their respective division will get an additional \$2,500. Points will be calculated using the NASCAR Winston Racing Series weekly system.

Pro Stock driver Barry Gray is looking forward to the extra distance event. "It should be exciting. We're used to 40 lap features," says Gray. "The extra laps give us more time to get thru traffic." Gray also added that tire management will be less of a factor in a 75 lap Pro Stock event than it will be in the Modifieds.

The Bud Triple Crown Series will resume on July 4th. The participating divisions will each run 100 lap features. The series ends with 150 lap features on September 5th. September 5th also marks the closing of the NASCAR Winston Racing Series points for Riverside Park competitors.

**Riverside Park Speedway Notes:** The Bud Riverside 500 Team Race on Saturday, May 23rd has been changed. The 500 lap event will now include the Super Stock division for 75 laps. The Mini Stock division was previously scheduled to compete on the 23rd, but the current field of Mini Stocks does not provide enough cars to field 20 teams for the Bud Riverside 500. Teams for the 500 will be picked May 9th. Due to the addition of the Super Stocks on the 23rd, the Super Stock feature on Sunday, May 24th is cancelled. Riverside Park Speedway's first 18 feature races have seen 18 different drivers in Victory Lane.

## UNICO Planning 1st Annual Golf Outing At Ag. CC

On Sunday, June 7th, the Agawam Chapter of Unico National will be holding its first annual Unico Golf Tournament at the Agawam Country Club.

According to Joseph J. Conte, Jr., first vice-president of the Unico chapter and chairman of the upcoming tournament, this event will feature a hole-in-one contest and many prizes for everyone. What's more, there will be a complete steak dinner at the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, following the tournament.

The tournament will be a scramble, best ball format, and tickets are \$50 per person/\$200 per foursome.

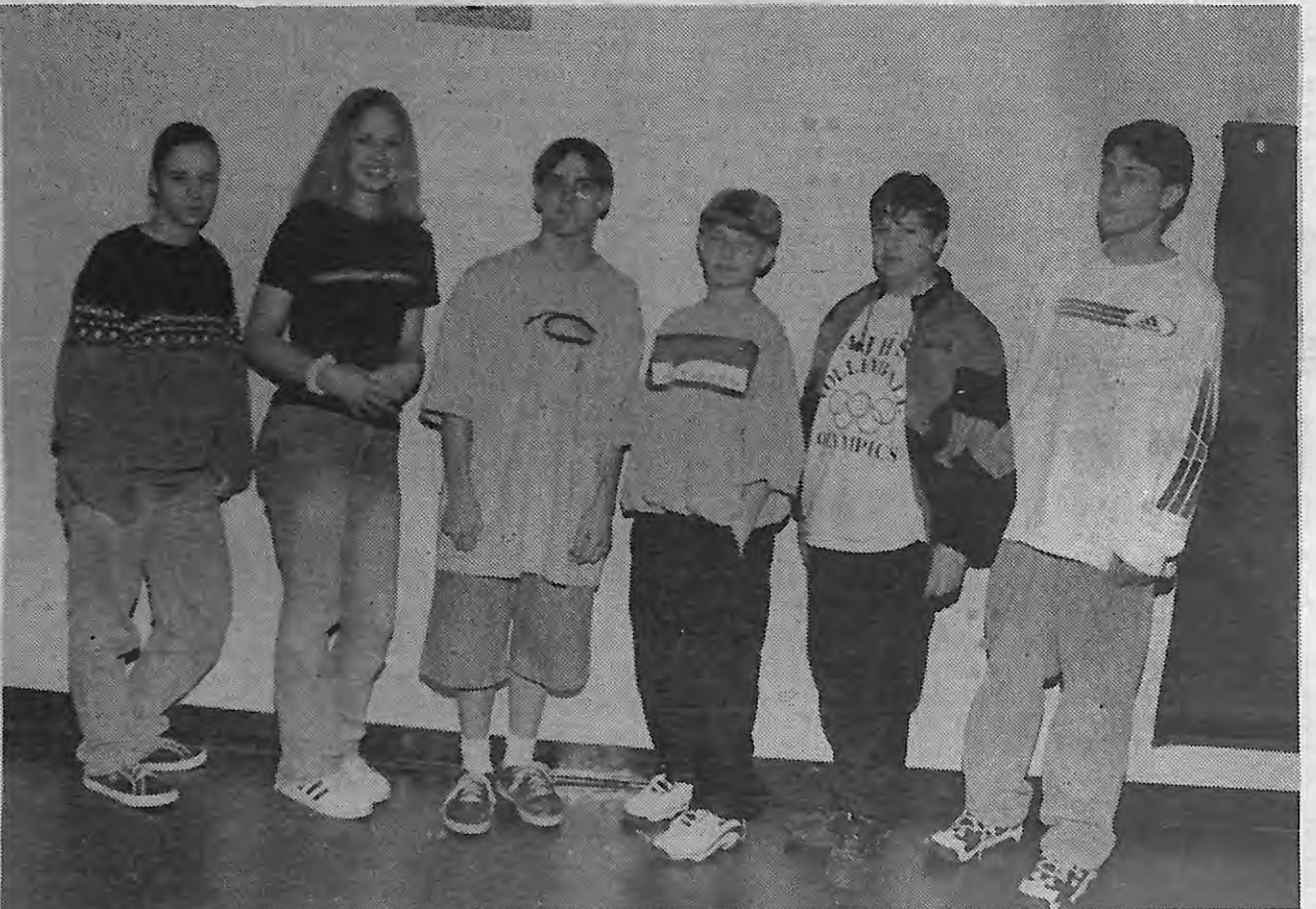
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## Jr. High Announces Volleyball Champs



**RUNNERS-UP** in the Agawam Junior High's volleyball championships were, from left - Andrew Mancini, Angelina Cortese, Kurt Pfeffer, Brian Moore, and Nicole Baginski. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THIS YEAR'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS** at the Agawam Junior High included students, from left - Kristin Berry, Ashley Robidoux, Steven Turner, Anthony Stellato, Nick Vooys, and Mike Carmody. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Kate LaBreck Finishes Third Season Of Lacrosse At Quinnipiac

Junior Kate LaBreck of Agawam recently concluded her third season of playing collegiate lacrosse for Quinnipiac College.

At the goalie position, LaBreck played and started in each of the team's 13 contests. She played 780 minutes between the pipes and sported a 14.77 GAA, saved 147 shots, and had a .434 save percentage.

In the team's 17-5 loss at La Salle this season, LaBreck came up with 18 saves. LaBreck also played every minute in goal for the Braves last season when she sported a 10.57 GAA, had 103 saves, and a .582 save percentage.

While in high school, LaBreck was a member of the varsity soccer team for a single season, the field hockey team for two seasons, the basketball team for four seasons, and the softball team for two seasons.

In basketball, LaBreck was part of a team which was the Western Massachusetts champion as well as state finalist in 1994. In softball, the team was the Western Massachusetts champion and state finalist in 1995. LaBreck also won the Sportsmanship of the Year award for soccer in 1993.

The women's lacrosse team became the first Quinnipiac squad to join the ranks of Division I as the squad has competed in 1998 as a member of the newly-formed league sponsored by the Northeast Conference (NEC). The second-year program surpassed its inaugural season win total (3) and advanced to the postseason. The Braves finished the season with 4-9, 1-4 in the NEC.

Quinnipiac College is a private, nonsectarian, coeducational institution in Hamden, Connecticut, one-and-a-half hours from New York City and two-and-a-half hours from Boston. The college has approximately 230 full-time faculty and enrolls 3,500 full-time undergraduates and 2,000 graduate students in its Schools of Business, Health Sciences, Law and Liberal Arts.

Quinnipiac is rated number one among all northern regional universities in U.S. News and World Report's 1998 edition of *America's Best Colleges*.

Quinnipiac sponsors nine men's and nine women's varsity sports, and will begin NCAA Division I competition in all sports in the fall of 1998 as a member of the Northeast Conference.

## Tom Carey Earns 1st Career Busch North Victory At Riverside

Tom Carey of Orange, Massachusetts captured his first career Busch North Series victory at Riverside Park Speedway on Saturday, May 2nd. Carey, driving the No. 42 AAA Aircraft Supply Pontiac, was the 1995 Pro Stock Champion at Riverside Park.

Other winners were Dan Avery of Somers, Connecticut in the 50 lap NAPA Modified feature, Barry Gray of Belchertown in the Serv-U Auto Supply Pro Stock Division, and Pat Kretschman in the Teddy Bear Pools Trucks.

Carey started the New England Ford Dealers/Mobil 150 in eighth position and took the lead from another former Riverside Park champion, Jerry Marquis, on lap 76. Carey took home \$9,850 for his efforts.

The 50 lap feature in the NAPA Modified division saw Avery capture his first win at Riverside Park since September 2, 1995. Avery was followed by 1997 Track Champion Ted Riggott in second, Ted Christopher in third, Ricky Miller in fourth, and Rob Summers in fifth.

Riverside Park continued a season of very competitive racing, as 21 NASCAR Winston Racing Series features have now been completed with 21 different winners.

Barry Gray shook off some back luck and took home the Pro Stock victory. Gray had wrecked in the previous two races. Gray was followed by Jay Miller, Bennett Fuller, Jeff Horn, and Todd Owen in fifth.

Finally, the Teddy Bear Pools Truck Division ran another exciting feature and welcomed Pat Kretschman of Shelton, Connecticut to the Winners' Circle. EJ Legacy finished second, followed by April 25th winner Kris Valerio in third, Ted Chalmers, and Ernie Tarca in fifth.

Riverside Park continues its season on Saturday, May 9th with the Winston No Bull 150.

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## Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis  
Outdoor Writer

### So Many Fish, So Little Time!

It's that time of year again! Stripers, shad, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, flounder, fluke, and cod are all hitting well. So many choices!

Close to home, the Connecticut, Agawam, and Chicopee Rivers are providing some great action on Atlantic shad and some striped bass.

The annual spawning run of shad, which are known as the poor man's Atlantic salmon, is in full swing. Anglers from all over the Northeast converge on the Connecticut River for some of the finest and fastest action in the country.

At the Meadowlands Sportsman Show in New Jersey a couple of years ago, I was talking with another outdoor writer who ran Shad King Guide Service on the Delaware River. He recounted how he could usually guide a party of two for a day's fishing and get them into 25 or 30 fish between them. He went on and on about the outstanding shad fishery in the Delaware River.

Being a gentleman, I withheld the fact that it was not uncommon to catch and release over 100 fish apiece on a really good day right here at home.

Sometimes we just don't realize what a tremendous resource we have right here in our backyard!

Depending on the river current and the depth of water, different tactics will produce more fish. When the river is running high or you are fishing the main creek channel, depth control is the most critical factor.

One time-honored method of getting the dart down deeper is to add split shot about 18 inches above the dart, sending it deeper. Another trick to get the dart down deeper is to remove the hair on the dart and fish it bare. The bucktail dressing on shad darts tends to offer more water resistance and give the dart more buoyancy.

Another thing to keep in mind is the visibility of the dart itself. The traditional red and white favored by many anglers may not be the ideal choice under low light and muddy water conditions. The color red is the very first color to disappear from the visible spectrum of colors under

low light conditions.

A highly visible color, such as chartreuse, would be a much better choice for ultimate visibility. The shad do not eat during their spawning run, but strike at anything that gets in their way. If they can't see it, they won't hit it!

### FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

Kurt at Saunders Boat Livery at Congamond Lakes reports that due to the fluctuating weather conditions, fishing action has slowed. There have not been any notable catches brought in. The trout that are taken have largely been caught by bait fishermen, although some of the early morning trollers have scored on a few fish. Bass fishermen are doing quite well, but must remember that careful catch and release is especially important to spawning fish.

Lake Ontario fishing has suffered from the same weather fluctuations and high winds as the rest of the Northeast. Brown trout and lakers are providing most of the action. Hopefully, the coming weeks will see better action.

Hudson River striped bass fishing is getting hot. Despite murky waters from heavy rains, some nice fish have been landed. Live herring have accounted for the lion's share of the striper action. The next few weeks should seek the peak of the striper run.

Connecticut River shad fishing is building to a peak that will occur in two to three weeks. The river and its tributaries, such as the Chicopee and Agawam Rivers, will hold sizable populations. Once the water levels recede to near normal spring conditions, the action should be hot and heavy.

### SALT WATER

Part boats and six-man charters have been hampered by windy weather conditions. Some cod are being taken on offshore areas, however, inshore populations of cod are becoming more difficult to find.

Coastal striper fishing will get better as the water warms. Some stripers continue to be caught near the mouth of major rivers. The Thames River continues to provide action on schoolie stripers. Reports of larger fish have started to filter in, and the fishing should start to improve. Reports indicate that stripers are hitting well in the mouth of the Connecticut River. Some fish have moved into the Pawtucket River and into the pond at Charlestown Breachway.

Flounder fishing in bays and river mouths has been spotty. Things should improve as the weather becomes more stable. Some reports of fluke catches from the areas around Old Saybrook and adjacent areas.

## First Annual Alumni Track Meet Is Slated For Sunday, May 24th

The First Annual Alumni Track Meet will be held on Sunday, May 24th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (with registration at 12:30 p.m.) at the Agawam High School Track Field. The cost is \$3 per alumni, resident athlete, and general admission.

Tickets (\$3) are now available from any Agawam High School track athlete, and they will be selling the tickets for one week only (between May 6th and May 13th).

Tickets will also be available on the day of the meet for students (\$2 with student ID), and the admission for seniors is free.

Come out and support the Agawam High School boys'/girls' track teams as they compete against former track athletes, other high school students, and residents.

The pre-registration forms are available at the High School and at the Agawam Library. Also, registration forms are in *The Agawam Advertiser News* for you to clip out in this issue and the next issue. All forms should be returned by May 20th (with the \$3) to Emily Crough, 55 Dale Avenue, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

The Agawam High School Track Parents Association is sponsoring this event as a fundraiser for the Agawam High School track team. Volunteers are welcome to assist the officials and work the concession stand. Call Grace Tilden at 786-3942 or Debbie Ward at 786-2345 if you can help us out or for more information.

**Kent Servis's "Outdoors New England" is a weekly feature of The AAN...**

## Agawam American Legion Announces Baseball Team Tryouts

American Legion Post 185 of Agawam will be holding tryouts for its 1998 baseball team on Sunday, May 17th, and Saturday, May 23rd, at Agawam High School.

The tryouts will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held rain or shine.

Anyone who was born after August 1, 1979, and is of the high school level, is eligible to try out for the team.

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## Baywest Squirt A's Just Miss Shot At State Championship

At the beginning of the season each team's ultimate goal is winning the District Championship and then playing for the State Championship. Realistic or not, this is the pot of gold a team plays for. The Baywest Squirt A's rallied together and came within two games of this goal.

### Getting There...District 6 Playdowns

Game one of the playdowns pitted Baywest against an overmatched Ludlow team. The final score was 13-0. Every Baywest player figured in the scoring; goalie Dennis Contrada faced only three shots, recording the shutout.

Game two was against a chippy Westfield team. What started as a close game quickly turned into a convincing 7-1 win for a more skilled Baywest team. Joey Meagher paced Baywest, followed by Adam Smith, Kevin D. J. Dreyer, and Nick Petrangelo to shutdown many Westfield rushes.

Game three presented a bigger challenge against arch rival Holy Name. This was probably the most exciting game of the season for Baywest. The action went back and forth from beginning to end. The competitiveness of the players showed as neither team backed down. Baywest jumped ahead early on goals by Kevin Ciborowski from Nick Petrangelo and Joey Meagher from Ciborowski.

Midway through the second period Holy Name tied it. Baywest goalie Dennis Contrada made a glove save to keep the game tied and his team all fired up!

Kevin Ciborowski scored to start the third and give Baywest back the lead, 3-2, only have Holy Name come back with two goals to gain the lead for the first time. A goal by Ciborowski sent the game to overtime!

Less than a minute into overtime, Nick Petrangelo sent a sharp pass to a Joey Meagher, who powered home the winning goal short side! Final score: Baywest 5, Holy Name 4.

In the finals, Baywest went up against first place WTM, a team they hadn't beaten this season. Kevin Ciborowski and Joey Meagher scored 16 seconds apart midway in the first period to get Baywest rolling. Additional tallies by Meagher and Tommy Burke from Shannon Harlow staked Baywest to a 4-0 lead at the end of the first period. Ciborowski pushed the lead to 5-0 early in the second period on a rebound off a CJ Bienia shot. WTM fought back with three unanswered goals only to have it be too little, too late. Baywest added an empty-netter, to claim the District 6 Championship, 6-3!

### State Tournament

The State Tournament was played March 13th-15th at Norfolk County Arena in Millis, Massachusetts.

Game one matched Baywest against District 9 champion Chelmsford. The two evenly matched teams exchanged scoring chances early with Chelmsford gaining a 1-0 lead after one period. In the second period, Baywest roared back with three goals of their own to take a 3-1 lead.

Chelmsford scored 12 seconds into the third to cut the lead. Joey Meagher then finished the "trick" from Ciborowski in what proved to be the game winner.

The second game was against tournament host Franklin. Baywest proved to have too many guns in skating to a 9-3 win.

The third game of the round-robin portion of the tournament was against a tough Medford team. Medford, converting their few scoring chances, led 3-0 at the end of the first period. A goal in the first minute of the second period by Joe Albano changed the tone of the game. Baywest went on to score two more goals to tie the game, 3-3. Ciborowski took a pass from CJ Bienia to score with 25 seconds left in the period.

Momentum was clearly with Baywest going into the third period as Ciborowski, on a pass by Meagher, wasted no time sending a bullet through the Medford goalie. Baywest had captured the lead. Moments later, Joe Albano forced a turnover in the Medford end and scored an insurance goal to make the final score Baywest 5, Medford 3. What a comeback!

In the semi-final game, Baywest faced off against the highest scoring team of the tournament, Charlestown. Baywest came out a little tentative and the townies seized the moment, scoring three quick goals.

The Baywest offense never got on track and the defense wasn't quite as sharp as they were in the previous games. Charlestown continued to pressure the puck all over the ice as they skated to a 7-0 win.

Baywest battled bravely and the coaches were very proud of the effort by the players. Charlestown went on to capture the state championship, 4-3 over Milton.



**COACHES AND MEMBERS OF THE BAYWEST SQUIRT A's**, who recently came within two games of winning the state championship. Baywest lost in the semi-finals to eventual state champion Charlestown, 7-0. The team defeated Chelmsford, Franklin, and Medford before bowing to a Charlestown.

## COA Golf Tourney Slated For May 29th

The third Annual Agawam C.O.A. Golf Tournament will be held May 29th at the Agawam Country Club. Cost of the tournament is \$40. This year's proceeds will go toward the new furnishings of the Senior Center.

Tee off time is at 12:00 noon. Snacks will be served at 11:30 a.m. (cheese, fruit, and crackers). This year, the tournament will end with cold cut grinders, potato and macaroni salad, pickles, and olives.

Golf registration forms are available at the Senior Center. Support the Agawam seniors! Join in the fun! Many raffle prizes and one grand prize will be offered. For more information, call the Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

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Golfers are urged to get their registrations in early, as tee times will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

The \$80 entry fee includes greens fees, golf cart, lunch on the course, (catered by Frigo's), and dinner at the banquet. All proceeds will benefit the disabled and non-disabled children at Kamp For Kids™.

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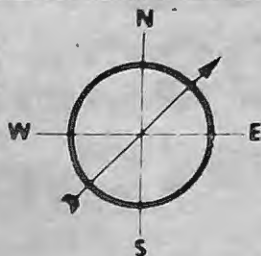
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